



The Oracle

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Since the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) is fully constituted and has started to receive and review applications from pastoral candidates, it is good to review the next step in the Interim Process as found in the Interim Pastor's Manual: *Commitment to New Leadership and a New Future*: "As the interim period progresses, the congregation becomes better prepared to move forward under new leadership, furthering a mission which is emerging from its self-study and its understanding of its opportunities for service and witness. The congregation becomes eager to embrace new initiatives in partnership with its new installed pastor, embrace new initiatives in partnership with its new settled pastor. It is also important, before the congregation can say "hello" to a new pastor, to say "goodbye" to the interim pastor, and all predecessor pastors."

This next step, calling your next pastor, is an important step in the transition process. Your PNC is working faithfully to listen to God's guidance and understand who God is guiding to Ogden Presbyterian to be the newly Installed Pastor to lead you all into God's future. It is incredibly important that each of you embrace this process and respect the PNC's leadership and the choice of a candidate whom they will present to you at some point in the future.

As with all aspects of our lives, it is important to trust that God will guide the right person to your congregation — and that you will be open to whomever that is. When that person is called and arrives, it will be important to give him/her your full commitment and respect.

Please continue to hold the PNC, Session, and the entire congregation in your prayers as you all continue this exciting but also potentially anxious time. I am certainly available for conversation if you are feeling anxious about the future. But just remember, it is God's future, and thus it will be a beautiful future to embrace.

Pastor Tedd



MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

Thursday, March 29, 2018
7pm

Come, celebrate the Last Supper and receive the message that Jesus had for his closest friends.

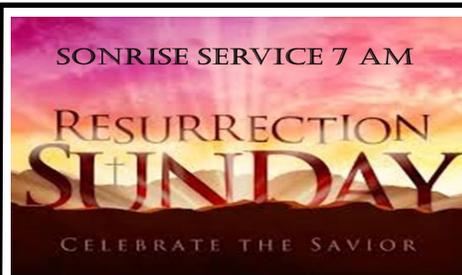


GOOD FRIDAY

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Friday, March 30, 2018

The sanctuary will be open from Noon to 3pm to come and quietly pray, meditate, and reflect on the Crucifixion.



SONRISE SERVICE 7 AM

RESURRECTION SUNDAY

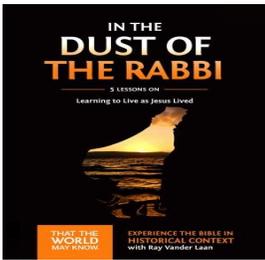
CELEBRATE THE SAVIOR

EASTER SONRISE SERVICE

Sunday, April 1, 2018
7am

Spencerport Canal Gazebo

Sponsored by Spencerport
Ecumenical Ministries



LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

5 Thursday Evenings at 7pm between February 22nd and March 22nd

All are welcome to join us for this 5-session Bible Study as we explore Ray Vander Laan's *In the Dust of the Rabbi* video series. In order to obtain enough study guides, please sign up on the Discipleship Bulletin Board in the Fellowship Hall.

We hope that you will join us!



Hi all! I wanted to tell you about an initiative that I have been working on for the past few years. I have the honor of being the President of the Holocaust, Genocide, and Human Rights Project (HGHRP). The HGHRP is an organization that was founded in 1990 by a group of Monroe Community College students. The organization is based out of MCC's Brighton campus, but has a significant community outreach component

that stems from our partnership with Water for South Sudan (WFSS), the JCC, and other groups. Our mission is to create acceptance and social justice through education, commemoration, and advocacy. Our organization focuses on educating others about tragedies like the Holocaust as well as working to combat current human rights crises. At our core, we believe that historical lessons demand contemporary obligations. We fulfill our mission by holding a number of events each year, including hosting speakers, doing fundraisers, and holding educational forums. Recently, we have worked with local refugees, hosted Deborah Lipstadt as a keynote speaker for our 16th annual Kristallnacht Commemoration, and raised \$6,000 for Water for South Sudan. I am currently working with Pastor Tedd to bring the HGHRP's influence to the OPC community. So keep a look out for announcements and advertisements that will be coming soon! We are planning to have a Holocaust survivor come to speak at the church on Thursday, April 15th. Thank you for your ongoing support!

~Alyssa Hoadley

Dear Pastor Tedd & Deacons,

Thank you so much for allowing us to have Mackenzie baptized at OPC. The ceremony was breathtaking! The peace that came over her face — we will never forget.

Also thank you for Aubrey & Mackenzie's gifts! All the kindness you have shown our family is appreciated.

~Sherry, Jamie, Aubrey & Mackenzie Bigelow



Dear OPC,

Thank you for your recent donation of a Christmas gift to Kirkhaven. This enables us to give our elders a joyful holiday. On Christmas Eve, Santa was able to distribute a gift to every elder! Your contribution reassured residents they are still valued and lovingly remembered. We look forward to doing this annually with your continued contributions.

~Gwen DeBeck

Thank you, thank you, thank you for the delicious plate of Valentines cookies! Such a nice variety of delicious delights! How did you know they were all my favorites, too!? OPC makes us feel so loved. Not sure why Sim's name was on them... was she supposed to get some, too?!? LOL! :) She enjoyed them, too. Hope you had a great Valentines Day, too. Thanks again.

~Tom & Sim Mulford





From the Deacons

*THEREFORE CONFESS YOUR
 sins to each other
 AND PRAY FOR EACH OTHER SO THAT
 you may be healed.
 THE PRAYER OF A
 righteous person
 IS POWERFUL AND
 effective.*

James 5:16



Our Shut-ins

- Judy Pagel
at St. Mary's*
- Gene Brendel
at The Cottages at Unity*
- Elsie Allyn
at The Rochester
Friendly Home*
- Harriett Ireland
at Seabury Woods*
- Bill Ewell
At Crimson Ridge, Room E-6*

Deacon News

- ❖ We are trying something new. Prayer is an important part of a Deacon's life. We have 2 prayer chains, we pray for our zones, and we pray for all prayers requested. We are going to introduce a prayer basket each month. PLEASE WATCH FOR IT! Each month the basket will contain a tangible prayer request for you to take home and pray over. Our hope is for all of us to come together in prayer, and we hope you will join us. Please feel free to take one and pass it along as well. More to follow!
- ❖ We are 1 Deacon short for 2018. Consider joining us! If you think it is your calling, please see someone on the Nominating Committee.
- ❖ The first Sunday of every month there is a Deacon envelope in the pews. This helps support us in the work we do. Thank you for being so generous.
- ❖ Reminder to leave any donated cards for touch cards in the basket in the "crying room"
- ❖ If you have a chance to visit someone, go ahead! We are all Deacons at OPC.
- ❖ Remember the publication of "Our Daily Bread" is located in the Narthex.
- ❖ Please continue to support our clothes closet. We were able to donate a lot this year, and we are sure many people are very thankful for that.

Our Deacons for 2018

- Dennise Webster — Moderator
- Harry Pittman — Charity
- Cindy Caloritis — Flowers
- Diane Dupree — Membership
- Sim Mulford—Communion Setup
- Ruth Gaskill — Communion Servers
- Marilyn Spilberg — Secretary/Cards
- Ron Tucker — Treasurer
- ONE POSITION OPEN



*Please remember
our military:*

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



FOOD SHELF NEEDS AND PLEA FOR HELP

The current list of needs includes: **Canned Meats (Chicken, Spam, Hash, Stews, Chili), Peanut Butter, and Jams/Jellies; or TOPS Gift Cards.** See Jean Schult or Andy Resch with questions.

According to Steve Brown, chair of the Food Shelf, there are over 100 families that depend upon the Food Shelf for assistance. Families can only call the food shelf once every 60 days, and a maximum of 4x per year.

Deliveries include an average of \$200 worth of food (\$40 of which are gift cards for perishables) for a family of 4. A family of 2 gets about 60% of that. The average family asks for assistance about 2 or 3 times.

If you know of anyone that needs food assistance and resides in the Spencerport School District, have them call 277-4917 for assistance.

The Food Shelf is also looking for new driver volunteers to make the deliveries. Most of the existing driver volunteers are around 75-80 yrs old. There is no set schedule for deliveries, so even if you have a job, you can still help volunteer. If you are interested in helping with this ministry, please contact Steve Brown on his cell phone at 413-6901, or via the Food Shelf pager at 277-4917.

Any other questions, or to give cash donations towards gift cards, please see Jean Schult or Andy Resch.

FEBRUARY SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

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

- ❖ Four new OPC members were interviewed, and will be received into membership on March 11th.
- ❖ Session agreed to implement new Security measures, including locking all door except the Sanctuary Main Entrance during worship.
- ❖ Cub Scout Pack 92 is seeking support from OPC (as charter organization) in deciding to include girls and boys in the Pack.
- ❖ Pat Everett was approved as OPC Elder Commissioner to the Presbytery. Thank you, Pat!
- ❖ Session voted to approve a Moment for Mission from a representative from the Open Door Mission.

OPC continues to be blessed with many gifts and talents. Thanks be to God in this new year.

OPC Session



Easter Lily

\$8



Reiger Begonia

\$9.25



Tulips
(pink or yellow)

\$7



Hyacinth
(pink or purple)

\$7

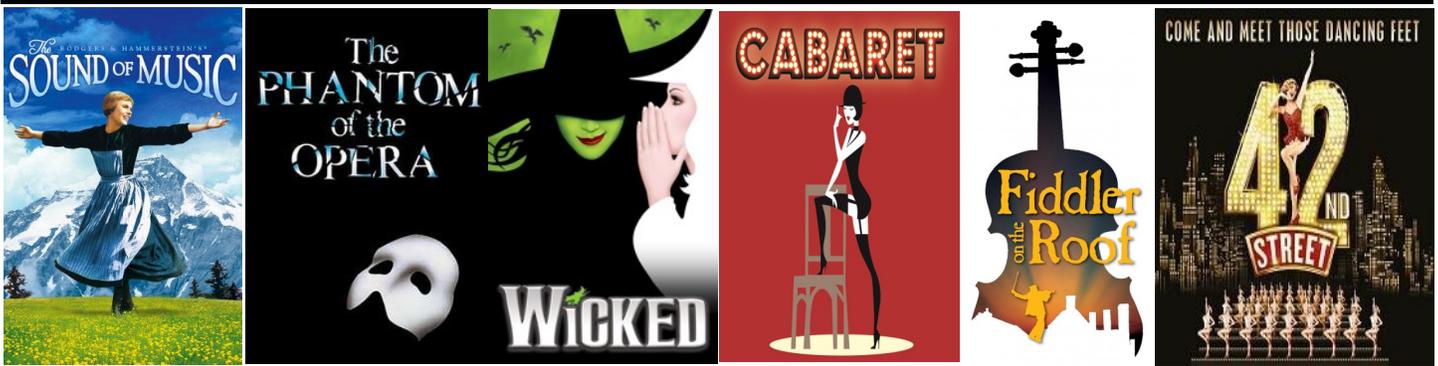


Mums

\$8

EASTER PLANTS 2018

It's time to order your plants for Easter! Cindy Caloritis needs your orders (with payment—checks made payable to Cindy Caloritis) **no later than Sunday, March 11th.** Questions? Call Cindy at 455-5814.



**SPENCERPORT COMMUNITY CHORUS PRESENTS
“Broadway Showstoppers!”**

Tap your toes, sing along, dance in the aisle for this all-Broadway concert!

Featuring your favorites from: *The Sound of Music*, *Phantom of the Opera*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, *Cabaret*, *42nd Street*, *Wicked*, *Hello Dolly*, and so much more!

Saturday, March 10th @ 7pm OR Sunday, March 11th @ 3pm

Concerts are right here at OPC, and are FREE Admission (donations accepted at the door).

Connect with the group at spencerportsingers.org. For more information, call 494-1795.

OPEN DOOR MISSION — CODE BLUE

With the recent extremely cold temperatures, the Mission Committee is asking for hats, scarves, mittens, gloves, thermal socks, hand warmers, and thermoses for the Open Door Mission’s Code Blue program to help Rochester’s homeless population. There is a special box on the Mission Table in the Fellowship Hall, along with lists of needed items on sheets you can take home.



Open Door Mission

GET RID OF YOUR LOOSE CHANGE AND HELP THE HUMAN NEEDS FUND

Session has again agreed to allow the Mission Committee to collect spare change in the Coin Jar. All proceeds go to support the Spencerport Human Needs Fund, which is overseen by Spencerport Ecumenical Ministries, and goes to support emergency needs for residents within the Spencerport School District (i.e. if a parent is laid off, or there is an unexpected death, etc., the fund could support rent assistance, etc.). Your donations are greatly appreciated, and do make a large difference in our community.

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CHANGES TO OPC SECURITY PROCEDURES

In light of some safety and security issues occurring around our country, your Session Elders had a difficult and emotional but important conversation at the February meeting about safety and security here in our building. In our discussion, we worked to balance hospitality with safety — not always an easy balance to maintain. As the congregation’s leadership team, we believe it is our responsibility to keep everyone here as safe as possible. With that in mind, Session decided that starting this Sunday, February 25th, except for the front doors (Narthex doors), ALL the doors to the building will be locked as worship begins. A sign will be placed on the two side doors directing people to come to the front doors to enter the sanctuary. As for safety and security during the rest of the week, Session has asked the Trustees to study this matter and bring back ideas for Session to consider.

We appreciate everyone’s understanding and patience as we try to work through the best ways for us to be open and hospitable and share the love of God here at Ogden Presbyterian, with the need to ensure the safety and security of all our building users. Please feel free to contact your Session Elders or Pastor Tedd if you have any questions. Faithfully, Your Session Elders

Spaghetti Dinner



Saturday, March 3, 2018
4:30-6:30 p.m.

Ogden Presbyterian Church
 2400 South Union St., Spencerport

**Includes Dinner, Beverage
 and Dessert**

TICKET PRICES

<u>Pre-Sale</u>	<u>Day of Dinner</u>	
\$8.00	\$9.00	Adults
\$4.00	\$5.00	Children Under 12
Free	Free	Children Under 5

Free for any Eagle Star Veteran with Pass

Contact Dennis at 352-1824 for pre-sale tickets



*This is a fund raiser to support the
 ministry of the church.*

Thank you to Al Webster, Dennis Dupree, Harry Pittman, Bill Everett, Norma Jones and Pat Rowe for helping out with driving me to my recent medical appointments. I enjoyed our good conversations and appreciate you all taking the time out of your busy days to help Chris and me out. We are blessed to have such a wonderful OPC family.
 ~Jerry Matull



Thank you OPC members for the many get well cards. Your thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated.

~Sharon & Harry Pittman



Thank you, Ogden Presbyterian Church, for your generous contribution of pill bottles for our program. Pill bottles prepared as described on our website are blended with other medical supplies and shipped to hospitals and clinics in developing countries where even a bar of soap is too precious to use except in the most extreme circumstances. The bottles provide a more hygienic form of dispensing and a safer receptacle for scarce and valuable medicines. Unprepared pill bottles are shredded and recycled for cash, which goes back to support our programs and also helps save the environment by reducing the amount of waste deposited into landfills. All pill bottles are valuable, appreciated, and helpful to our work.

In 2017, Matthew 25 shipped 2,824 pallets (1,166,325 lbs) of medical supplies including pill bottles to locations such as Dominica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Ghana, Grenada, Guatamala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Nicaragua, and Trinidad. Medical supplies include pill bottles as well as other first-aid, surgical, treatment and orthopedic items. In 2017, Matthew 25 recycled 18,875 lbs of plastic, which provided additional funding for our programs.

We appreciate your ongoing support and diligence! We will gratefully accept any pill bottles you send to us. Thank you again for all your help and your continuing support of this program. OPC has contributed over 8,000 pill bottles to date.
 ~Ariana Ruiz, Matthew 25: Ministries

2018 OPC Fellowship Events



March 10 – Outing to Zarpentine’s for a pancake breakfast. Please sign up on the Fellowship Bulletin Board by March 4th.

March 25 – Outing to Roberts Wesleyan for “Rhythm of the Dance” performed by the National Dance Company of Ireland. Please sign up on the Fellowship Bulletin Board and pay by February 4th.



April 15 – Dinner and Theatre by Greece Paint Players at Whittier Party House to see “Lover’s Leap.” \$27.00 per person. Please sign up on the Fellowship Bulletin Board. Indicate meal choice, and pay by Sunday, March 18th.

May 13 – Special Mothers’ Day Fellowship Hour hosted by the men of OPC. Please sign up for food contributions on the Fellowship Bulletin Board.



May 20 – Pentecost Fellowship Hour. Please sign up for food contributions on the Fellowship Bulletin Board. Road Rally after fellowship hour. More details to follow.



June 10 – OPC Annual Picnic in the Pavilion. Please sign up for food and paper product contributions on the Fellowship Bulletin Board.



June 17 – Dad and Grad Celebration during Fellowship Hour. Meal served by Fellowship Team (Free Will Offering).



August 25 – OPC Community Block Party. Food, music, children’s activities and fun for all!! More details to follow.

September 20 – Luncheon Outing to Brightly Farms. Please sign up on the Fellowship Bulletin Board.



October 14 – Oktoberfest Fellowship Hour. Meal served by Fellowship Team (Free Will Offering).

December 16 – OPC Christmas Party hosted by the Fellowship Team. Great food and gifts! 😊



Please join us for these fun fellowship activities!

My dear friends,

What a wonderful surprise I received in the mail today. Delicious cookies made by many hands, and beautifully decorated. So kind of you all to think of me. I shall enjoy each morsel!

Thanking each and every one of you and blessing you all with fond memories.

Peace and Love,
Mary Saurini



SPECIAL OFFERINGS ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

One Great Hour of Sharing is one of four special offerings taken yearly to support Presbyterian Mission. We partner with communities around the world to ensure that children suffering from disease get treatment, that sanitation problems get corrected, and that tools and training are provided, thereby improving the world. This year’s offering will be taken on Easter Sunday, April 1st.



FOSTERING HOPE BACKPACKS

The Mission Committee will once again be filling backpacks for Fostering

Hope in March and April with the presentation in June. The program began in 2001 to help children entering the Foster Care system. Most of these children are removed from their homes after crisis. Please take an “Easter Egg” from our tree, purchase the item and place it in the special box on the Mission table. There are extra copies of the list to be taken home if desired. Thank you for your help.

~The Mission Committee



Worship and Fellowship Assistants

GREETERS:

- March 4 Pam Ehring
- 11 Lee Rueping
- 18 Bob Hutchison
- 25 Ron & Sherry Tucker

USHERS:

- March 4 Sandy & Jim Frieday
- 11 Marilyn & Dick Malloy
- 18 Bonnie & Roger Howlett
- 25 Stephanie & Tim Cassidy

LITURGIST:

- March 4 Sandy Frieday
- 11 Roger Howlett
- 18 Carol Newman
- 25 Norma Jones

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS:

- March 4 Sandi Mandarano
- 11 Membership Committee
- 18 Resch Family
- 25 McKinney Family

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS:

- March 4 Carol Newman
- 11 Cindy Anderson
- 18 Kelly Bindert
- 25 Sim Mulford

NURSERY CARE:

- March 4 Kelly Bindert
- 11 Pamela Gonnoud
- 18 Sim Mulford
- 25 Sarah VanStaalduinen

COMMUNION SERVERS:

- March 4: Pat & Bill Everett, Donna Gruendike, & Sim Mulford

BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

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



**TRUSTEE OF THE MONTH:
Tim Cassidy — March
352-0442**

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>				
<p>4 3rd Sunday in Lent Friday – Birthday Party, Fellow. Hall, 12:30pm Eagle Court of Honor, 4pm Youth Group, 6:30pm</p>	<p>5 Cub Scouts, 6:30pm</p>	<p>6 Women's Bible, 9:30am</p>	<p>7 Choir, 4pm TOPS, 5:30pm Bells, 6pm</p>	<p>8 Stitchin' for Mission, 10am SEM, 10am, Ogden Baptist Lenten Bible Study, 7pm</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 SCC Rehearsal, 10am SCC Concert, 7pm</p>
<p>11 4th Sunday in Lent SCC Concert, 3pm Missions (after worship)</p>	<p>12 Men's Bible, Noon, @ Union St. Eatery Cub Scouts, 6:30pm *ORACLE DEADLINE*</p>	<p>13 Women's Bible, 9:30am Worship & Music, 3:30pm CE, 6:30pm</p>	<p>14 Home Bureau, 9:30-2:30 Choir, 4pm TOPS, 5:30pm Bells, 6pm</p>	<p>15 Lenten Bible Study, 7pm</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>18 5th Sunday in Lent PW (after worship)</p>	<p>19 Lunch Bunch, Noon, @ Slayton Deacons, 6:30pm Trustees, 7pm Cub Scouts, 6:30pm</p>	<p>20 Women's Bible, 9:30am Session, 7pm</p>	<p>21 Choir, 4pm TOPS, 5:30pm Bells, 6pm</p>	<p>22 Lenten Bible Study, 7pm</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25 PALM SUNDAY Rhythm of the Dance @ Roberts Wesleyan, 7pm</p>	<p>26 Men's Bible, Noon, @ OPC</p>	<p>27 Women's Bible, 9:30am</p>	<p>28 Home Bureau, 9:30-2:30 Choir, 4pm TOPS, 5:30pm Bells, 6pm</p>	<p>29 MAUNDY THURSDAY Service, 7pm</p>	<p>30 GOOD FRIDAY *Sanctuary open Noon to 3pm*</p>	<p>31</p>

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED**

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Newsletter Deadline: Articles for the *April 2018* issue of The Oracle are due in the Church Office no later than **Monday, March 12th** 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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