



# The Oracle

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Churches have a habit of losing things. With so many people at churches going in and out and so many activities going on, it's easy to misplace or forget about things. Unfortunately, one of the things churches lose on a regular basis is their young people. I raise this issue because we are about to confirm 6 amazing young people (or have just done so), and typically that is the last time we can find them. Most teens stop participating in their church community around confirmation time, or when they graduate from high school. The irony is that that's probably when they need the church community the most. As well, as the Mission Study team has been doing its work, we have come up with a list of about 30 (including spouses) "20-30 year olds" in our area who don't appear to be attending worship or participating with a church. Again, as they go through issues of raising a family, dealing with employment issues, financial issues, and marriage issues, it feels like they need a responsive faith community of which to be a part. Unfortunately, once these young people get out of the habit of attending worship or participating regularly it's difficult to get back in the habit.

That's where we come in. This congregation has many resources, lots of energy, gifted people and a caring, welcoming heart. I am urging you as a faith community to think about this group of young people. I don't currently have the answers to this important issue, but I'd like to have some conversations with you about it. They are, after all, your children (literally). You know them. How can we help re-ignite the passion for their faith and provide them options that meet their culture and lifestyles? What can we do differently here; what can we do extra? I am sure we will discuss this at the Mission Study Gathering in May, so please be thinking about it.

When we baptize a child, we make some promises. We promise: "*as members of the church of Jesus Christ, we promise to guide and nurture our children by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging them to know and follow Christ and to be faithful members of his church.*" That doesn't end when they are confirmed or move out of the house. Actually, it becomes more crucial then.

Peace,

*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.



Presbyterian Women is a fun, caring group of women who take part in a variety of activities throughout the year. All women of OPC are members of PW and friends are always welcome to join us for laughter and fellowship. The PW Committee meets once a month (usually after a worship service) and welcomes all ideas and suggestions. Please see a committee member with your thoughts or drop a note in the file folder in the fellowship hall cabinet.

The PW Committee oversees the upkeep and maintenance of the kitchen. We supply paper products, coffee/tea/cocoa, etc. for all to use. We also replace kitchen cookware when needed and ensure the general appearance of the kitchen is neat and tidy.

Stitchin' For Mission is a very busy group that meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month from 10:00-12:00 at OPC. This group is dedicated to help those in need through crocheting and knitting afghans and sewing squares together for beautiful quilts. These wonderful gifts are given to those who are ill or are having a difficult time in their lives. Many thank you notes are written by the recipients letting everyone know how much they appreciate the kind and giving gestures of this group. If anyone would like to join the group, please contact Marilyn Malloy at 723-1731. All are welcome!

PW actively participates in mission giving and outreach. This year, money has been or is being donated to the OPC Youth Mission Trip, OPC Women's Bible Study Group for book expenses, Stitchin' For Mission supply costs and a yearly Mission pledge to Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery.

A group of twenty-three PW women recently gathered at Judy Rynne's house where she hosted a marvelous brunch. We then attended the Greece Musical Production of "Mary Poppins" at the Athena Middle School. A fun time was had by all. What a great, talented group of kids! The committee continues to discuss more activities for the coming months.

We are currently planning a Potluck Summer Salad Dinner which will be held at Donna Gruendike's house on June 28. All OPC women are invited to sign up on the PW board and join us. We will be making a flower planter that evening as well. We will enjoy an evening of fun and fellowship.

The committee continues to discuss ideas for future events and fund raisers. We welcome all ideas and suggestions. Please feel free to contact a member of the committee.

Pam Ehring  
- Chair, Presbyterian Women

#### ATTENTION COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

Please remember to email your monthly minutes to Brandon at [ogdenpresbyterian@gmail.com](mailto:ogdenpresbyterian@gmail.com)

Thank you!

## MISSION STUDY REPORT



On Saturday May 13<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 a.m. until around 11:00 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 May 13<sup>th</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)

## APRIL SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

The OPC Session met on Tuesday, April 12th . Some highlights from the meeting included:

- ❖ The Confirmation Class of 2016-17 met with Session and was unanimously approved. We are so proud of this fine group of young OPC members, who will be received on Sunday, April 30th.
- ❖ There will be an All-Church Mission Gathering on Sunday, May 13th from 8:30-11am. We will review findings from the Mission Study program and determine a new direction for OPC.
- ❖ Staff job descriptions were recently updated by the Personnel Committee with OPC Staff members. Session reviewed and approved for immediate implementation.
- ❖ Church Picnic! This event is scheduled for Sunday, August 20th at OPC. Details from Fellowship to follow, so please Save the Date!
- ❖ Block Party! We approved the community-wide event to be held outdoors on August 26th in our new pavilion. Music, Food, Fun for All! Save the Date!

OPC continues to be blessed with many gifts and talents. Thanks be to God!

OPC Session

## CROP Walk 2017



Spencerport residents will be gearing up to join this year's CROP Walk, which will be held on **Sunday, May 7th**. Registration begins at 12:30, and the walk begins at 1pm. Walkers begin at the Methodist Church on Amity Street, and walk along the canal towpath to Adams Basin and back. Organized and sponsored by Spencerport

Ecumenical Ministries to help stop hunger here in our own community as well as around the country and the world, 25% of the total money raised remains here to benefit our own Food Shelf. OPC members can help in 2 ways: 1) we can walk and get sponsors, or 2) we can sponsor a walker. A shorter **Golden Mile Walk** is available for seniors or for those not able to walk the full 6 miles.

If you are interested in walking, please see Carol Quinn.

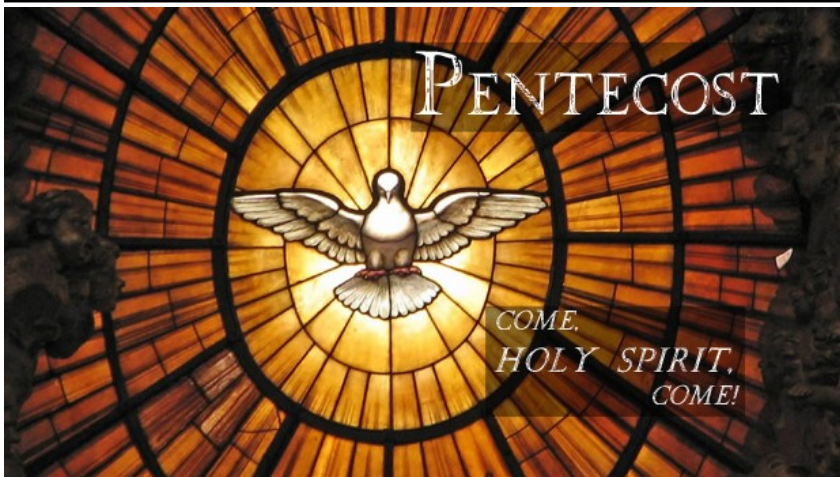
**SAVE THE DATE!!!**  
**Scalloped Potato & Ham Dinner**  
**Saturday, May 6th**  
 Serving from 4:30 — 6:30pm



Dinners include beverage and dessert.  
 \$9 for adults; Children under 5 are Free  
**FREE FOR ANY EAGLE STAR VETERAN WITH PASS!**

Contact Betty at 352-5610 to reserve your tickets!

This fundraiser is sponsored by Women’s Bible Study to support the ministry of OPC.



**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**

We have a **BIG NEED** for volunteers for people to serve as **Ushers** and **Liturgists** for the month of May.

Sign up on the Worship and Music Bulletin Board in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you!





## From the Deacons

Scatter seeds  
of kindness  
wherever you go

### Our Shut-ins

Judy Pagel  
at St. Mary's

Gene Brendel  
at The Hamlet @  
Unity Villages

The Allyns  
at The Rochester  
Friendly Home

### Deacon News

- ❖ 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!

### 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



## 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. 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.

## 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.

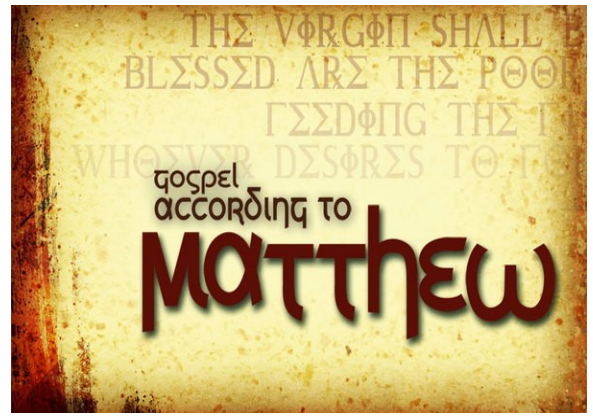
~Sharon Pittman, for Women's Bible Study

## WOMEN'S TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Join us this spring at 9:30 in the Oak Room as we journey with Christ to Jerusalem — and the cross as seen through the lens of **Matthew's gospel**. Matthew's account of Jesus' trial, death, and resurrection has several unique features not found in the other gospels. Jesus' crucifixion was not the end, but only the beginning of a new and glorious chapter in God's dealing with humankind.

All OPC women and their friends are welcome.

See Anne Wallace with any questions.



## FOOD SHELF CURRENT NEEDS



Hot Drink Mixes (coffee — decaf, regular, and instant, cocoa, cider) are in short supply right now at the Food Shelf. They especially **DO NOT** need corn or green beans at this time. 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





**Bob Wallace recently celebrated his 75th Birthday on April 6th!!!**

**Congratulations, and Happy Birthday, Bob!**



**PASTOR TEDD WILL BE ON VACATION FROM MAY 16th — 22nd.**

**If you need assistance during this time, please contact your Deacon.**

**The Deadline to submit items for the June Oracle Newsletter is:**

**MONDAY, MAY 15th.**

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



*Don't Miss the*



**THE GRAVEYARD OF PAST DEADLINES**



# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2017

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



**July 10 — 14  
9:00 am — 12 noon**



## **Maker Fun Factory Location:**

**Ogden Presbyterian Church  
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## **TO REGISTER:**

**Call (585) 352-6802**



**Or visit [ogdenpresbyterian.org](http://ogdenpresbyterian.org) for FORMS**





# 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 cellphone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

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: \_\_\_\_\_

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS JUNE 11TH!**

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### Worship and Fellowship Assistants

#### GREETERS:

May 7 Dottie & Dave Everhart  
 14 Mary Saurini  
 21 Barbara & Charlie White  
 28 Cindy Anderson

#### USHERS:

May 7 TBA  
 14 TBA  
 21 TBA  
 28 Jim & Sandy Friday

#### LITURGIST:

May 7 TBA  
 14 TBA  
 21 Sandy Friday  
 28 Norma Jones

#### FELLOWSHIP HOSTS:

May 7 Trustees  
 14 OPC Men w/ help of Fellowship Team  
 21 Pam Gonnoud & Kelly Bindert  
 28 Carrie & Andy Resch

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS:

May 7 Sim Mulford  
 14 TBA  
 21 TBA  
 28 TBA

#### NURSERY CARE:

May 7 Emma Corey  
 14 Emma Corey  
 21 Sandy Friday & Diana Inman  
 28 Jenifer Lalnunkimi

#### COMMUNION SERVERS:

May 7 Ann & Bob Wallace, Stephanie Cassidy & Chris Matull



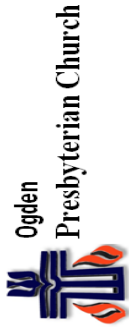
Name	Day
Judy Pagel	5 / 1
Elsie Allyn	5 / 3
Sandi Mandarano	5 / 4
Nicole Quinn	5 / 8
Lauren Jean Metherell	5 / 9
Rick Smith	5 / 11
DuWayne Paulick	5 / 11
Don Clarke	5 / 13
Emma Corey	5 / 14
Betty Lou Hogue	5 / 16
Bill Ewell	5 / 16
Joanne Ville	5 / 16
Francis Ridley	5 / 21
Alice Brendel	5 / 22
Jerry Matull	5 / 22
Tim Cassidy	5 / 24
Brian Brothers	5 / 25
Joseph Knight	5 / 27
A. Elizabeth Osborn	5 / 29
Heather Cassidy	5 / 29
Grace Gaskill	5 / 31

### TRUSTEE OF THE MONTH:

**Randy Spilberg — May**  
**721-9702**

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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# May 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> Cub Scouts	<b>2</b> Women's Bible, 9:30am	<b>3</b> TOPS, 5:30pm Bell Choir, 6pm Choir, 7pm	<b>4</b> National Day of Prayer, Noon, Ogden Town Hall Missions, 7pm	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Women's Bible Study Dinner 4:30 - 6:30pm
<b>7</b> CROP WALK, 1pm Youth Group, 6:30	<b>8</b> Men's Bible, Noon, @Union St. Eatery Cub Scouts	<b>9</b> Women's Bible, 9:30am Worship & Music, 7pm	<b>10</b> Membership, 2pm TOPS, 5:30pm Bell Choir, 6pm Choir, 7pm	<b>11</b> Stitchin' for Mission, 10am SEM, 10am, SUMC	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> ALL CHURCH MISSION GATHERING, 8:30 - 11am
<b>14</b> Mother's Day	<b>15</b> Fellowship, 6:30pm Deacons, 6:30pm Trustees, 7pm Cub Scouts	<b>16</b> Women's Bible, 9:30am	<b>17</b> TOPS, 5:30pm Bell Choir, 6pm Choir, 7pm	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>*ORACLE DEADLINE*</b>	<b>PASTOR TEDD</b>	<b>ON VACATION</b>			
	<b>22</b> Men's Bible, Noon, @OPC Cub Scouts	<b>23</b> Women's Bible, 9:30am	<b>24</b> TOPS, 5:30pm Bell Choir, 6pm Choir, 7pm	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Memorial Day ***OFFICE CLOSED**	<b>30</b> Women's Bible, 9:30am	<b>31</b> TOPS, 5:30pm Bell Choir, 6pm Choir, 7pm Session, 7pm	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <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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## May 2017

**Newsletter Deadline:** Articles for the *June 2017* issue of The Oracle are due in the Church Office no later than **Monday, May 15th** 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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