



The Oracle

Ogden Presbyterian Church
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I have been here now as your Interim Pastor for almost 4 months. Being with you has been very encouraging for me. Thank you for that. My family and I have been welcomed in and we appreciate that. Your hospitality has been excellent. But now I have a favor to ask.

One of my early mentors was a brilliantly compassionate man named Phil Mitchell. Out of all the wise and important things he told me, the most important was this: “*Life is lived in relationship.*” Life is lived in relationship.

Sisters and brothers, that is simply brilliant. That is, indeed, a core statement. I believe that statement goes directly to the heart of who we are as created beings. Everything we do is in relationships. Everything. Whether it is in relationship to another person, to God, to ourselves, or to God’s creation, every action we take is in relationship with someone or something. And I believe it was designed that way.

Look at the creation of Eve. Referring to Adam, God said “it is not good that he should be alone.” So God created Eve — a companion. The idea here being that we are designed to be in relationship, to share and communicate and be intimate with one another. We were built for community, my friends.

With that in mind, I would like to visit with each of you individually, or as a couple, if that is appropriate. In order for a pastor to provide the best pastoral care and spiritual guidance/development, I feel it is very important for the pastor, whether Interim or Installed, to meet with each person in the congregation outside of the meetings and worship services and special events. Through these times together, we can get to know each other better, learn about each other’s stories, and build trust and a relationship. So, please contact me soon to set something up. You can call or text me at 750.9775. You can reach me by email at ogdenprespastor@gmail.com. Or stop by the office and check in.

I look forward to knowing each of you better.

~Pastor Tedd



**A GOOD
RELATIONSHIP**
is when someone
ACCEPTS your Past
SUPPORTS your Present
&
ENCOURAGES
your Future



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.



FINANCE COMMITTEE

We are all familiar with the saying “It is better to give than receive.” I believe that the opposite is also true, “It is great to receive.” Well here at OPC we have the best of both worlds. During this “Stewardship” time of year we give our monetary support

to activities, projects, and committees that further the work of God here in Ogden and beyond.

So it is great to provide support to these areas of need. We give as we are able and the total raised is used to support the various needs of our church and its mission: “To equip ourselves and others to be Disciples of Christ as we seek God’s will for our church and beyond.”

That was the obvious part.

But let’s look at the rest of the year. We give that pledged monetary amount, (and in some cases more), over the course of the year. But we actually give and receive much more. We give our time and talents through committees, special projects, and outreach activities in the community. We are blessed this year to have a full board of Elders, Deacons, and Trustees to do God’s work.

What we receive as individuals and as a church is not always recognized. Hopefully you have read and remember articles from Committee Corner from the past three Oracles. Christian Education/Youth, Mission, and Discipleship have told you about their many projects and activities that support the church and the community. In future months, more committees and organizations will communicate how they provide support. These will include Fellowship, Deacons, Trustees, Presbyterian Women, and Spencerport Food Shelf. We often get caught up in a specific church activity and do not see the breadth of the overall work being done by the church daily. It is my hope that through the Committee Corner, we bring focus to all the efforts going on to support Building Disciples in OPC, OPC in Mission to the community, and Congregational Care in OPC as part of our effort in Moving Forward at OPC.



True Stewardship is a year-long activity.

Peace,
Dick Malloy



VETERANS DAY

OPC will commemorate Veterans Day in worship on Sunday, November 13, 2016.

Please plan on attending.

Session has approved a suggestion to give the larger of the loose collection or 10% of the total receipts for that Sunday to the local Eagle Star Housing organization (veterans home).

ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE

This year's Spencerport Ecumenical Thanksgiving worship service will be held on **Sunday, November 20th, 7pm**, at First Congregational United Church of Christ ("The White Church")

65 Church Street Spencerport, NY 14559

Members of the various churches in Spencerport are all invited to this special service of thanks. We hope you will join us.



Thanksgiving
WORSHIP SERVICE

ALL CHURCH SHARING EVENT

As part of the Interim Process, on **Saturday, November 12th, from 8:30 — 11am**, we will be having an All Church Sharing Event sponsored by Session. Yes, that is early on a Saturday, but **it is very important that as many people as possible participate** — and we will feed you. At the event, we will take some time to share a memory or two of our time at Ogden Presbyterian. This opportunity is



important in helping us continue to move forward in a healthy way to the future God is calling us to. Please plan to join us. As well, in our sanctuary, along the back wall, you will see a timeline. Please take a moment over the next few weeks to add to it: add events which have been part of your experience here at Ogden (when you joined, baptism dates, weddings, funerals for loved ones, pastoral changes, confirmations, retreats, etc.). If you happen to be someone who knows the history going back, please add dates as far back as you can. If you have any concerns or questions about any of this, or the Interim process at all, please contact Pastor Tedd directly.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Women's Bible Study group continues to meet on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 in the Oak Room. We are reading Rachel Held Evans' *A Year of Biblical Womanhood*.

This exercise in scriptural exploration and spiritual contemplation is open to all OPC women and friends.

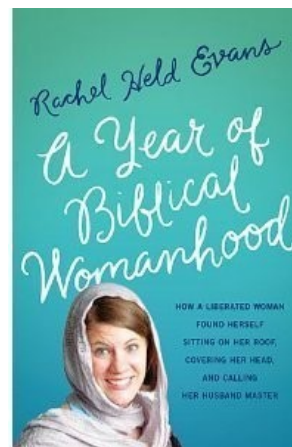
Questions? See Anne Wallace.

Men's Bible Study



Meets the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month, unless otherwise noted, at Noon in the Oak Room. Bring your lunch.

New members always welcome.





November 6th
6:30pm
Bring a Friend!
Don't Miss It!!!

SPECIAL FELLOWSHIP

On Sunday, November 6th, there will be a special Fellowship time after worship to honor Marian Smith for her years of service to OPC. We hope you will join us!



MISSION COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR HELP

The Mission Committee is already looking ahead to Christmas and needs your help. **Operation Christmas Child** has begun. We're asking you to fill the special boxes that the Deacons have donated. Thank you, Deacons, for your generous gift. The committee greatly appreciates your thoughtfulness. The boxes will be on the Mission Table for you to take home and fill. Last year we filled 39 boxes.

Please remember to include a check for \$7.00 to help cover shipping (or you can pay online).

The last day for Operation Christmas Child donations is Sunday, November 20th.

We're also asking for help filling Christmas stockings for **Stockings for Soldiers**. This is a program sponsored by Walker Brothers Funeral Home and we have participated for the past 2 years. In 2014 we filled 50 stockings, and last year we only filled 25. Let's see if we can fill 50 again this year and bring a little joy to our military. **Final date for donations to Stockings for Soldiers is Sunday, November 13th.** There will be a special box on the Mission Table and copies of the "Wish List" will be posted on the Mission Bulletin Board, on the box, and also available on the Mission Table to take home. Thanks for all your help! ~The Mission Committee



NEW MEMBERS CLASS

For all those interested in learning more about Ogden Presbyterian Church and possibly joining the church, there will be a New Member Class on **Wednesday, November 2nd at 7pm**. The class will consist of learning a little history of Ogden Presbyterian Church, the PC(USA), and what it means to be a member of the church. After attending the class, you will be invited to consider joining our fine congregation. If you would like to attend, please contact the office at ogdenpresbyterian@gmail.com or Pastor Tedd at ogdenprespastor@gmail.com.



CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING

The Christmas Joy Offering is one of four special offerings taken yearly to support Presbyterian Mission. This year's offering will be taken on Sunday, **December 18th**. One half of the funds raised from this offering support Presbyterian racial ethnic schools and colleges. This support offers an opportunity for young adults to advance their education. The other half of the offering goes to the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions.



CHRISTMAS JOY
SPECIAL OFFERINGS

From the DEACONS...

Our Shut-ins

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

Our Deacons for 2016

Dawn Sheffet — Moderator
Harry Pittman — Charity, Men@Work
Dennise Webster — Co-Moderator/Cards
Cindy Caloritis — Flowers
Diane Dupree — Membership
Sim Mulford — Communion Setup
Ruth Gaskill — Communion Servers
Michelle Rosipayla — Secretary
Ron Tucker — Treasurer

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.

Sgt. Mulford, Gary
CMR 414 Boc 129
Apo AE 09173



Deacon News

- * The Hanging of the Greens will be November 20th. The more hands, the better.
- * Please check the grape juice that is in the refrigerator. If it is marked "Deacons," please don't use it.
- * If you have noticed the occasional different bulletin covers, the Deacons have been providing them. If you are interested in providing a bulletin cover one week, please let the Deacons know.
- * The Deacons have a new devotional available in the Narthex, entitled "Our Daily Bread." Feel free to take one and leave a donation.
- * Thank you to everyone who has been donating cards for us to use for touch cards. It is very much appreciated!
- * Anyone wishing to do so can provide flowers for special services. Contact the Deacons.
- * As always, thanks to everyone in the congregation who lets us know of someone who has a need so we can help!
- * Don't forget to donate clothing to the Deacon closet in the front of the church. Harry Pittman recently took donations to Cameron.
- * 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.

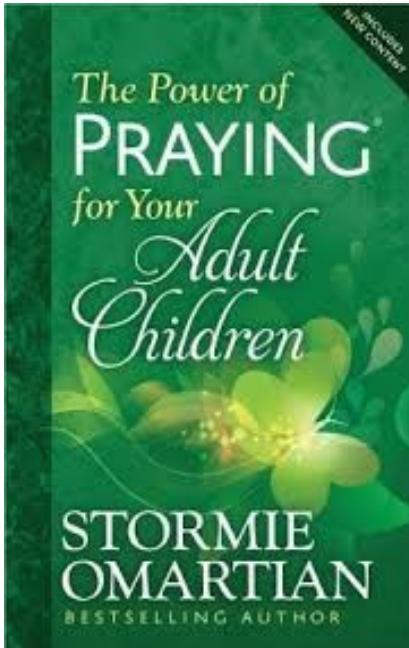
Where love and caring are, there is God.

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!

The Power of Praying for Your Adult Children

A FIVE-PART BOOK DISCUSSION

Continuing on Thursday evenings at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall, the Discipleship Committee is hosting a 5-week study and discussion series of Stormie Omartian's popular book *The Power of Praying for Your Adult Children*. Beginning with "Seven Things Every Parent of an Adult Child Needs to Know," Stormie leads her readers through praying for their children to understand God's purpose for their lives, for them to have successful relationships and financial stability, for the ability to withstand tough times, for them to develop a heart for God, His Word, and His ways, and ten other topics that will resonate with every parent. If you have questions, please see Pat Rowe. Please join us as we unite to pray for our children and our "adult" parenting skills.



SLATE OF NEWLY-NOMINATED OFFICERS VOTED INTO LEADERSHIP POSITIONS AT THE OCTOBER 23RD CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Elders:

Cindy Anderson (2019)
 Roger Howlett (2019)
 Carol Quinn (2019)
 Sandy Frieday (2018)
 Pat Everett (2018)
 Christine Matull (2017)
 Pat Rowe (2017)
 Toya Lalnunawia (Youth 2017)

Nominating Committee:

Barb Paulick (2019)
 Michelle Rosipayla (2019)
 Betty Hogue (2018)

Spencerport Food Shelf:

Andy Resch (2018)

Auditor:

Sim Mulford (2019)

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Howlett, Chairman

Deacons:

Harry Pittman (2019)
 Marilyn Spilberg (2019)
 Ron Tucker (2019)

Trustees:

Pam Ehring (2019)
 Jim Frieday (2019)
 Randy Spilberg (2019)
 Wayne Bulan (2018)
 Al Webster (2018)





Spencerport Community Chorus' fall concerts will be held right here at OPC on:

**Saturday, December 3, 7pm or
Sunday, December 4, 3pm**

Come and enjoy some great music!

Darla Bair, director



Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 6th! Don't forget to set your clocks back an hour before going to bed on Saturday!

OCTOBER SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

The OPC Session met Monday, October 17th. Here are some of the highlights:

- Deacons and Session joined together in prayer and discussion. This serves as their annual joint meeting.
- Group planning was completed for the November 12th 'Coming to Terms with OPC History' event.
- A motion was passed in support of the Eagle Star Housing Veteran's Home in Spencerport.
- The OPC calendar was discussed and year-end plans were projected.
- All Session committees are doing wonderful work, and church participation is enthusiastic!
- Stewardship Sunday will be held October 30th. Families and friends are encouraged to join in Fellowship and a delicious soup luncheon, hosted by Session.

Blessings,
OPC Session

THANKSGIVING TURKEYS FOR THE FOOD SHELF

If anyone wishes to donate a turkey, please contact Andy Resch by email or at 820-5401. The turkeys need to be given to Andy **by November 19th, whether they are brought to church or dropped off at his shop.**

OPC is committed to providing **10 turkeys** (any size) this year. Families range in size from 2 to about seven people. Thank you for your generosity!



November 13 - Mexican Theme Fellowship Hour with a Pinata for the children. 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!

Trustee of the Month:

November — 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. Thanks!



Thank you to our OPC Family for the cards sent to Gene celebrating his 85th birthday! It helped to brighten his day, and was very much appreciated. ~Alice Brendel

FOOD SHELF NEEDS:

Peanut Butter, Jams/Jellies, Pasta Sauce, Spaghetti-Os, and Canned Fruit.



Worship and Fellowship Assistants

GREETERS:

November 6 Sharon Pittman
 13 Jim & Sandy Frieday
 20 Donna Gruendike
 27 Jean Schult

USHERS:

November 6 Jim & Sandy Frieday
 13 Scott & Molly Corey
 20 Jim & Sandy Frieday
 27 Roger & Bonnie Howlett

LITURGIST:

November 6 Roger Howlett
 13 Scott Corey
 20 Cindy Anderson
 27 Sandy Frieday

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS:

November 6 Special Fellowship to honor Marian Smith
 13 Mexican Theme Fellowship
 20 Andy, Becka & Carrie Resch
 27 Cindy Anderson

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS:

November 6 Jake & Scott Gaskill
 13 Donna Metherell
 20 Carol Newman
 27 NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

NURSERY CARE:

November 6 Pam Gonnoud
 13 Sharon Pittman
 20 Pat Rowe
 27 Alice Brendel

COMMUNION SERVERS:

November 6 Dick Malloy, Carol Quinn, Nicole Quinn,
 & Betty Hogue

happy
 birthday

Name	Day
John Osborn	11 / 3
Meghan Lodge	11 / 6
Jessica Lynn Jeffery	11 / 10
Diane Dupree	11 / 10
Jessica Pittman	11 / 10
David Randall Nundy	11 / 13
Jill Nundy	11 / 14
Katherine Pittman	11 / 15
Ann Delaney	11 / 18
Barbara Paulick	11 / 18
Catherine Osborn	11 / 21
Christopher Smith	11 / 24

The December Oracle Deadline

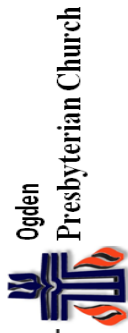
is:

Monday, Nov. 14th.

With the
Thanksgiving holiday,
this is a firm deadline.

Please plan ahead and
email submissions to
ogdenpresbyterian@
gmail.com

Phone: 585-352-6802
 Email: OgdénPres@frontiernet.net
 Web site: ogdenpresbyterian.com



November 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
		1 Women's Bible Study, 9:30am Scouts, 6:30 Finance, 7pm	2 TOPS, 5:30pm Bell Choir, 6:30 Choir, 7pm New Members, 7pm	3 Discipleship Study Group, 7pm	4	5	
6 Marian Smith Fellowship Hour Youth Group, 6:30pm	7 Fellowship, 6pm Cub Scouts	8 Women's Bible Study, 9:30am Worship & Music, 7pm	9 Membership, 2pm TOPS, 5:30pm Bell Choir, 6:30 Choir, 7pm	10 Stitchin' for Mission, 10am Discipleship Study Group, 7pm	11	12 ALL CHURCH GATHERING, 8:30am	
13 Mexican Theme Fellowship Hour	14 Men's Bible, Noon Cub Scouts Christian Ed, 7pm *ORACLE DEADLINE*	15 Women's Bible Study, 9:30am Session, 7pm	16 TOPS, 5:30pm Bell Choir, 6:30 Choir, 7pm	17 Discipleship Study Group, 7pm	18	19 Deadline to get Turkeys to Andy Resch for Food Shelf	
20 Hanging of the Greens Ecumenical Thanksgiving, 7pm, First Cong. UCC	21 Deacons, 6:30pm Trustees, 7pm Cub Scouts	22	23	24 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED HAPPY THANKSGIVING!	25 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	26	
27 1st Sunday of Advent	28 Men's Bible, Noon Cub Scouts	29	30 TOPS, 5:30pm Bell Choir, 6:30 Choir, 7pm Girl Scouts, 7pm	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <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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****DATED MATERIAL****

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Newsletter Deadline: Articles for the *December 2016* issue of The Oracle are due in the Church Office no later than **Monday, November 14th** 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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