



The Oracle

Ogden Presbyterian Church
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November 2017

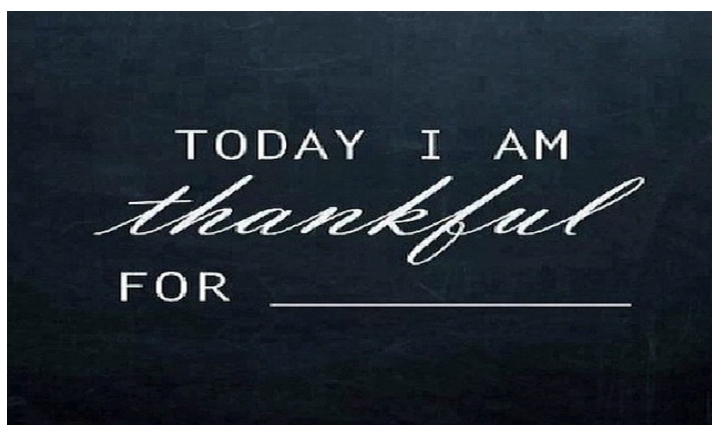
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November is probably most well-known for being the month which holds the wonderful holiday of “Thanksgiving” and the idea of expressing gratitude for the blessings we have. Along those lines, did you know that “Gratitude” is actually considered a Spiritual Discipline? Gratitude, when practiced on a regular basis, draws us closer to our God and increases our awareness of God’s presence in our daily lives. That’s a nice thing to have in our lives!

So, I have a challenge for everyone here at Ogden Presbyterian for the month of November: make November 2017 a **Month of Daily Gratitude**. That is, I am asking you to take time out every day (it can be as simple as a minute or less) and give thanks for something or someone or some blessing in your life. I suggest you keep a written record of your daily “thanksgiving” by listing all the days of the month and then for each day write down one thing/person/situation you are thankful for. When you do so, you also can stop and give God thanks for that in your life and pray a blessing on that person or situation. Having done this before in my life, I know it is a humbling and powerful experience.

As you go through, be aware of how you are feeling about life and your own situation. It is common to find yourself more positive, happier, and closer of God as you regularly give thanks for the many blessings you have in your life. Try it and see what happens. Feel free to let me know how it’s going throughout the month. I’ll be doing it!

Pastor Tedd



thank•ful: {thangk fəl}
adj. Grateful; impressed with a sense of kindness received, and ready to acknowledge it.

Give **Thanks** in all
circumstances;
for this is
God's will
for you in
Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:18

OCTOBER SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

The OPC Session met on Tuesday, October 17th. Some highlights from the meeting include:

- ❖ The Nominating Committee is presenting the 2018 slate of officers during a Congregational Meeting to be held on November 12th.
- ❖ OPC’s Pastor Nominating Committee is beginning to develop. More to follow on this subject in coming weeks. Members are still needed.
- ❖ A motion from our Membership committee was approved to acquire **PowerChurch+** software to support the efficiency of OPC communications and record keeping.
- ❖ The Discipleship group is working on plans for a very unique “Season of Caring” this upcoming holiday. Watch for further announcements and details.
- ❖ Stewardship Sunday is October 29th. The Session will serve soup, bread, and goodies once again for the Fellowship Hour.

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

OPC Session



PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE

Session has given the Mission Committee its approval to hold a 1-time “Special Offering” to be taken on **November 5th** for the victims of Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria.

All donations will be sent to PDA.

Special Offering envelopes will be in the pews.

Thank you for your generosity.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD & STOCKINGS FOR SOLDIERS

The Mission Committee Needs your help!

Operation Christmas Child has already begun, and we are asking you to fill the “Special Boxes” that have been donated by the Deacons. (Thank you, Deacons!) Last year we filled 53 boxes. The boxes will be on the Mission Table for you to take home along with the packing information. This year, **NO TOOTHPASTE OR CANDY, PLEASE!** Please also remember to include a check for \$9.00 to cover the cost of shipping (or you can pay online).

Deadline for Operation Christmas Child donations is November 19th.

We’re also asking you to fill Christmas Stockings for our military. A special box will be placed on the Mission Table along with copies of the “Wish List” for you to take home. **The deadline for Stockings for Soldiers will be announced soon.**

Thank you for your generosity and support!





SEASON OF CARING

A young novice once asked Mother Theresa where she should go to serve the needy. “Give help where you are — start with those closest to you,” said the older nun. This Christmas, the Discipleship Committee is promoting “A Season of Caring” at OPC. The purpose of this effort is to identify the needs of our members and to provide caring assistance. Examples of some needs might include help with getting out heavy boxes of Christmas decorations, setting up a Christmas tree, getting a ride or help for a shopping trip, having someone stay with your children or

older loved one while you go shopping, as well as many other unique and individualized requests.

To put the plan into action, “Donation Slips” will be distributed in the Sunday bulletins in November along with a list of possible “ways to care” such as those mentioned above. Your original ideas are greatly encouraged, too. Completed slips will be put in the offering plate, then collated and posted in a special display in the Fellowship Hall. Those who can use a particular service can pick up a slip that matches their need and contact the donor to arrange details. We will also be seeking help in identifying and supplying needs for any members who may be unable to access the donation slips on their own.

In this season we remember that much was given at Christmas: gifts to the baby Jesus, shelter and aid to his parents, joyful news to the shepherds, and a Savior to all mankind. As important as the gifts were, those who received them were an indispensable part of the story. As the story went on, those who were recipients — fishermen, tax collectors, the handicapped — went on to become some of the greatest givers as they “paid it ahead.” Join the OPC family this season to both receive and to give as we engage in the great command to “love our neighbor as ourselves.”

EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION SUNDAY—October 22, 2017

Thank you again to all of our staff for all that you do for OPC!!! We are very thankful for you all!!!





FOOD SHELF CURRENT NEEDS LIST

***Jell-O**

***Pudding Mix**

***Plain Rice (no seasonings)**

Any cash donations toward purchase of gift cards can be given to Jean Schult or Andy Resch, our OPC Reps. There are over 120 families that utilize our Food Shelf. Your donations help fulfill that need. Thank you for your continued generosity to this important ministry.



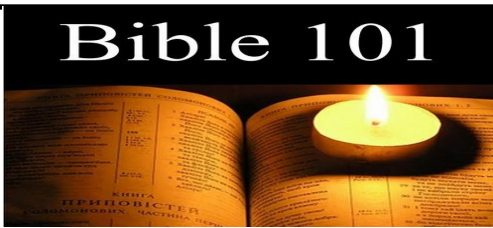
STITCHIN' FOR MISSION

The Stitchin' for Mission Group will **NOT** be meeting in November. We will be meeting on **December 14 at 10am** and will welcome anyone interested in knitting, crocheting, or sewing squares together for quilts. There are kits with squares and directions available to those who want to sew at home.

Please see Jean Schult.

We can always use people to "tie" the finished tops. Come out and join us for coffee, tea, cookies, and conversation while we

work to provide comfort through our quilts to those in need. Hope to see you on the 14th of December!



BIBLE 101 SERIES

Would you like to learn more about the Bible in just a few weeks? Pastor Tedd will lead an 8-week study and discussion group on Thursday evenings through November 9th here at OPC at 7pm. Come, bring your Bible, your thoughts and your questions, and build up your Bible expertise!

BOOK REVIEW

The Discipleship Committee's book review for this month is "A Religion of One's Own" by Thomas Moore, which is available on Amazon.

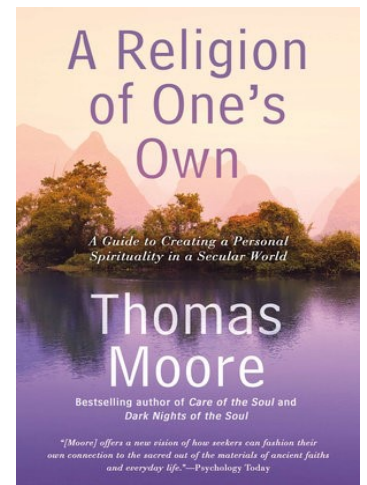
The choice of this book was influenced by the subtitle: "A Guide to Creating a Personal Spirituality in a Secular World," and some confusion about the terms "spiritual" and "secular." Thomas Moore has written 13 books; lived as a monk for 12 years; is a musician, psychotherapist, and university professor; and holds a PhD in Religion from Syracuse University.

Moore believes that traditional religion needs an overhaul, and challenges traditional religious folk to create their own personal religion grounded in "an intelligent, openhearted approach to life." He provides ten steps in which to achieve this personal religion. You will have to read the book to find out what they are.

Something that is a part of Moore's "religious humanist" vision is also a part of our vision at OPC: to understand the true meaning of community and be peacemakers and healers in our homes and neighborhoods. He states that four out of five people in the world are affiliated with an organized religion but they yearn to become more spiritual. They want to reach out. In this book he discusses how this might be achieved.

Moore also suggests that many problems in our culture and world are, in part, the result of the weakening of formal religions that emphasize fundamentalism and meaningless rituals. His final message in the book was to have a respect for both the riches of religion and role of spirituality, and he would urge us as disciples to embrace all the possibilities our religion offers as we head into the future.

Next month we will review how another author explains the concepts of "spiritual" and "secular." "A Religion of One's Own" is recommended reading for anyone wanting to explore spirituality and its role in your personal religious experience. The book will be on the Oak Room library shelf.





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 Allyns
at The Rochester
Friendly Home*

*Harriett Ireland
at Seabury Woods*

*Alice Fulgenvia (Pat Everett's mom)
at Wedgewood*

Our Deacons for 2017

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

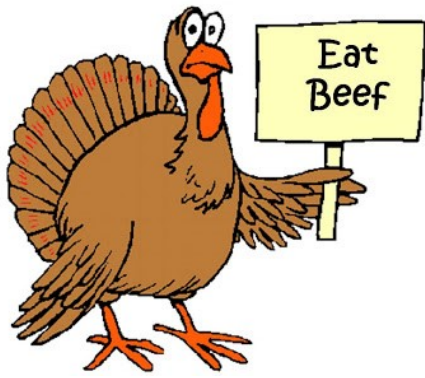
Deacon News

- ❖ Reminder the communion envelopes in the pews for the Communion Sunday go to the Deacons. We appreciate your support.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ Thanks to the men of OPC for the work they have done (moving, yard work, etc.) as the group “Men @ Work”. Unfortunately they have had to disband for the time being. If you have a need for help in or around your home, call Harry Pittman at 247-4463. And thank you to Harry for organizing and coordinating the jobs done by Men @ Work.



*Please remember
our military:*

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



TURKEYS FOR THE FOOD SHELF

This year, OPC has committed to providing ten **12-20 lb turkeys** for the Food Shelf Thanksgiving baskets.

Turkeys need to be brought to the church by November 12th, or to Andy Resch's Garage by November 17th as the Food Shelf is distributing them on the 18th.

If you are willing to provide a turkey, or have questions, please see Andy Resch (820-5401). Thank you for your donations!

HANGING OF THE GREENS

Sunday, November 26th after worship

Please join us so we can quickly decorate our church home for the holidays. As you may know, this task falls to our Deacons each year, and we are hoping for many helping hands. This is always a fun fellowship time...
Hope to see you on the 26th!

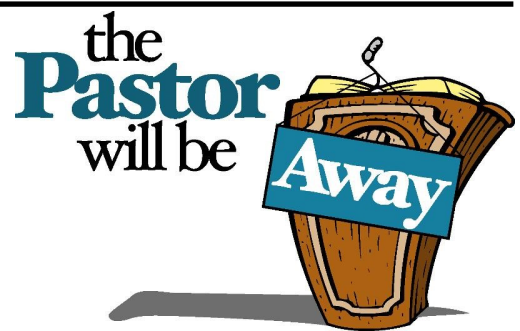


DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5th.

Don't forget to turn your clocks back an hour!

Pastor Tedd will be on Study Leave and Vacation from November 12th through November 25th.

If you need assistance, contact the church office, John Caloritis (Clerk of Session), or Dennise Webster or Dawn Sheffet (Deacon co-chairs).



NOVEMBER'S SESSION MEETING HAS BEEN CHANGED TO:

Tuesday, November 28th at 7pm.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH DINNER

Thursday, November 2, 2017



Please join us for dinner from 4:30 to 6:00pm for a wonderful meal provided by a caring community.

Spencerport United Methodist Church
32 Amity Street, Spencerport, NY 14559
352.3114



A SPECIAL THANK YOU

To the congregation at Ogden Presbyterian Church,

Thank you so much for your kindness, and for being such a beautiful reminder of God's love.

This is just a note to say thank you to everyone for providing a warm and welcoming atmosphere for Joyce Wheeler's memorial service. Joyce spoke often about the church, the congregation and the various pastors. She really loved all of you and was very proud to be a member of OPC.

Thanks again for all the kind words and prayers.

~The Wheeler Family



Worship and Fellowship Assistants

GREETERS:

- November 5 Sharon Pittman
- 12 Ruth & Scott Gaskill
- 19 Chelsea Metherell
- 26 Jean Schult

USHERS:

- November 5 Stephanie & Tim Cassidy
- 12 Cindy & John Caloritis
- 19 Sandi Mandarano & Michelle Rosipayla
- 26 Sandy & Jim Frieday

LITURGIST:

- November 5 Roger Howlett
- 12 Sandy Frieday
- 19 Dennis Dupree
- 26 Norma Jones

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS:

- November 5 Javier, Julia & Suzie Ewell
- 12 Membership Committee
- 19 Mexican Theme Fellowship (free will offering)
- 26 Resch Family

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS:

- November 5 Pam Gonnoud
- 12 Heather Cassidy-Schaffer
- 19 Jean Weaver
- 26 TBA

NURSERY CARE:

- November 5 TBA
- 12 TBA
- 19 TBA
- 26 TBA

COMMUNION SERVERS:

- November 5: Bonnie Howlett, Stephanie Cassidy,
Dick Malloy & Jen Savino

BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

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



TRUSTEE OF THE MONTH:

Eileen Smith — November
734-6505

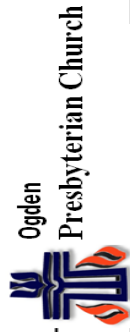
One trustee is assigned per month to take care of any building issues that may arise. Please call the designated Trustee if you have something that needs to be addressed.

Thank You!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5	6 Fellowship, 6pm	7 Women's Bible, 9:30am	8 Home Bureau, 9:30-2:30 Choir, 4pm TOPS, 5:30pm Bells, 6pm	9 NO STITCHIN' FOR MISSION SEM , 10am, St. John's Bible 101, 7pm	10	11 Veterans Day
12 Congregational Meeting PW (after worship) Missions (after worship)	13 Men's Bible, Noon, Union St. Eatery ORACLE DEADLINE	14 Women's Bible, 9:30am W&M, 7pm Finance, 7pm	15 Choir, 4pm TOPS, 5:30pm Bells, 6pm	16	17	18
19 Pastor Tedd away ----	20 Lunch Bunch, 11:30 @ Slayton Deacons, 6:30pm Trustees, 7pm	21 Women's Bible, 9:30am	22 Home Bureau, 9:30-2:30 Choir, 4pm TOPS, 5:30pm Bells, 6pm	23 Thanksgiving	24	25
26 SCC Rehearsal, 1:30-4:30pm	27 Men's Bible, Noon	28 Women's Bible, 9:30am Session, 7pm	29 Choir, 4pm TOPS, 5:30pm Bells, 6pm	30		

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****DATED MATERIAL**
ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED**

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Newsletter Deadline: Articles for the *December 2017* issue of The Oracle are due in the Church Office no later than **Monday, November 13th** 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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