



# The Oracle

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I was just outside in the parking lot shooting some hoops. As I stood out there, I couldn't help but think warmly about the Block Party we held in August. What a fantastic event! I believe what you all accomplished with that event was very much what a church should be and should be doing. First, you left the building. For too many years, churches have been anchored to the inside of their buildings. That's not where the majority of people are, and few people are willing to venture inside a church these days. When "the church" has left the building, new activities happen, new people are met, energy grows, and creativity happens. Secondly, you used your resources to make connections and spread God's love. It is all too easy to hold onto the resources you have, worrying about a "rainy day." But I don't believe that is good stewardship of the resources God has blessed you with, so it was great to see you using the resources of money, time, energy and the building/land to do ministry.

Also, you reached out to people you don't know. This is exactly what the church needs to be doing. Some folks passed out the food coupons to various outside organizations; some of you went door to door (!! meeting your neighbors and inviting them to come and visit with us; some gave them to your own neighbors. Doing that is nerve-wracking and not for the faint of heart — but you did it, and it was a great success. But through that effort we had as many people from Ogden Presbyterian as we did from the community.

Which, by the way, is once again "spot on." I believe any great church event has many of its members involved, but also involves many folks who are not associated with the church. That combination is so rich and brings about relationships and joy. At the block party, I saw many new faces who were made to feel comfortable, accepting your wonderful generosity. In my opinion, that is how hearts are warmed and changed: hospitality, generosity, caring. It is into those warmed hearts that God can pour his good news and love. Well done Ogden Presbyterian! Know you have done God's work and that work will continue in peoples' hearts — even if we do not see it at work.

Peace,  
*Pastor Tedd*



## INTERIM PROCESS UPDATE

The Presbytery's Committee on Ministry approved the Mission and Ministry Testament (with one small revision) and authorized us to move forward with the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC). Session will determine how many folks will be on the PNC, nominate the members, then call a Congregational Meeting for you to vote on approving the PNC. After that meeting, the PNC will begin work on creating your Ministry Information Form (MIF) to submit to potential candidates. If you are interested in being a part of the PNC, please see John Caloritis or Roger Howlett. At the same time, a team has been assembled to move the Mission Study forward by meeting with the populations identified in the report and seeing where there is a "fit." The team has just begun and will keep you updated.



**PASTORAL**  
NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Greetings to all OPC member and friends,

Dr. Seuss said it best when he said “*Oh! The Places You’ll Go!*” And last year we began to go places! As you remember, you folks stepped up and filled 100% of the leadership jobs. In addition, we had very positive experiences with worship, discipleship, pastoral care, Christian Education, and our finances. As we started to go places under the guidance of Session and Pastor Tedd, we moved into focused activities supporting our mission statement as a church: Outreach, Mission, Christian Education and Disciple Building, Worship and Congregational Care. We set a solid foundation to go more places — places God is calling us.

Other steps we took included beginning the process of communicating church stewardship year round. We published “Committee Corner” in the Oracle for a year to better inform everyone of the many activities within OPC. The overall Stewardship theme last year was “Moving Forward,” which was a resounding success. We now are ready to take all this a step further, going more places by focusing on mission projects of all sizes. As we are coming to understand, this is why we exist as a church, and we believe that the congregation is ready to take that next step. So... let’s get on our way!

In order to go all the places God is calling us, we are asking everyone to look at their personal situation and take another financial step forward to support the outreach and mission activities that need to happen. Be sure to join us in worship in October as we focus on and discuss OPC... “*Oh! The Places We’ll Go: Off to Great Places!*” You can each do your part by filling out the pledge form that follows and give it to our Treasurer, Dennis Dupree, or to Dick Malloy. You can also put it in a sealed envelope and place it in the offering plate or mail it to the church, attention of Dennis. We would like to have all pledges in by Stewardship Sunday on October 29th. We are asking members of the Session, Deacons, and Trustees to turn their pledge in early to set an example for the rest of the congregation. Think big and God Bless!

*Oh! The Places We’ll Go, OPC! There is fun to be done!*

***Ogden Presbyterian, You’ll Move Mountains!***

Dick Malloy

Finance & Stewardship

Tedd Pullano

Pastor

Donna Metherell

Christian Ed/Youth Director

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## **Ogden Presbyterian Church 2018 Stewardship Commitment Form**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

***Grateful for God’s love in Jesus Christ, I (we) make the following Commitment to support the mission of the church through our congregation.***

**Per capita fee:**

I/we pledge to pay the 2018 per capita. To calculate, please multiply by \$31.26 per member in your household.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**2018 pledge:**

I/we pledge to support Ogden Presbyterian Church financially in 2018 at the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ annually. I/we will fulfill my/our pledge as follows:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ per week or \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month or \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per quarter

**2018 Support:**

\_\_\_ Check if you cannot pledge at this time, but will support OPC to the extent that you are able.

**Do you want offering envelopes?** \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

## SEPTEMBER SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

The OPC Session met on Tuesday, September 19th. Some highlights from the meeting include:

- ❖ Our PNC is beginning to form. Session voted to call a PNC of seven members representing the congregation.
- ❖ Stewardship decisions were reached for this fall. Stewardship Sunday will be October 29th. Session will serve Pot Luck luncheon for Fellowship.
- ❖ A motion was passed to hold a Special Hurricane Relief offering on November 5th for Presbyterian Disaster Relief, dedicated to support those suffering from Harvey and Irma.
- ❖ Pastor Tedd's upcoming vacations were approved.
- ❖ The Mission Implementation team has decided to reach out to three groups for continued dialogue and to build connections.
- ❖ Our Block Party was a success. Now with experience there are plans to repeat the event in 2018.

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 and Irma. All donations will be sent to PDA. Special Offering envelopes will be in the pews. Thank you for your generosity.



#### SPECIAL OFFERINGS PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS

Previously known as the Peacemaking offering, this is one of four special offerings taken yearly to support Presbyterian Mission. 50% is used to promote peace and justice around the world, 25% is used to promote peace and reconciliation to Presbyteries and Synods, and 25% stays at OPC for our local peacemaking. **We will collect this offering on October 1st.**

### 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.**

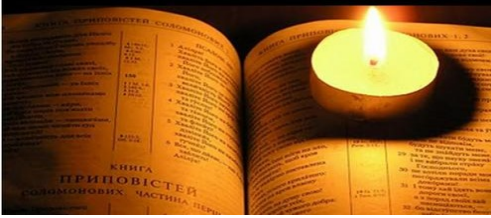
We're also asking you to fill Christmas Stockings for our military. A special box will be placed on the Mission Table along with copies of the "Wish List" for you to take home. **The deadline for Stockings for Soldiers will be announced soon.**

**Thank you for your generosity and support!**

~The Missions Committee



# Bible 101



## 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, between September 21st and November 9th here at OPC. Time will be 7:00pm. Come, bring your Bible, your thoughts and your questions, and build up your Bible expertise!

## The Kirkin' o' The Tartans

**KIRKIN' O' THE TARTANS @ OPC**  
**Sunday, October 8th!**

Invite your friends and neighbors!  
 We hope to see you there!



**Oktoberfest Fellowship Hour**  
**Sunday, October 15th after worship**  
 A free-will offering will be taken.

## STITCHIN' FOR MISSION



Stitchin' for Mission has been very active this year. We have been busy making various quilting and crocheting gifts to donate to the needy in our area. Just this week we delivered 11 quilts and 17 chemo hats to the Unity Cancer Center, 7 quilts to the Spencerport Dialysis Center, and slippers to St. Mary's Mission. While this is a great way to "go to the other side" we often find it hard to keep up. We have 5-6 regular participants and would really like to expand our group. More hands means more quilts, hats, and slippers for the needy. Can you help? Our most urgent need at the moment is help in sewing squares together for the quilt fronts. For kits of squares, please contact Jean Schult.

We meet the second Thursday of each month from 10-12am at OPC. Please contact Marilyn Malloy for more information on how you can help!

## FOOD SHELF CURRENT NEEDS



Shampoo, Deodorant, Soap, Cleaning Supplies, Mac n' Cheese, Pudding & Jell-O are the current needs. 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



**FEED THE HUNGRY**

## ATTENTION COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

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

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 Cottages at Unity

The Allyn's  
at The Rochester  
Friendly Home

Harriett Ireland  
at Seaborn 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.
- ❖ The devotional guide, *Our Daily Bread*, for September/October is available on the table in the Narthex. Please feel free to take a copy.
- ❖ 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  
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APO AE 09173



## 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

### BOOK REVIEW:

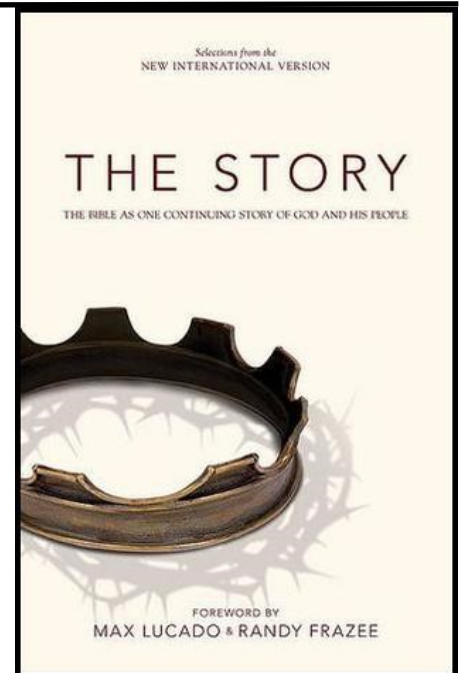
#### "THE STORY" by Max Lucado & Randy Frazee

The Discipleship Committee is providing another book review for you this month. This book, an easy to read Bible, compliments Pastor Tedd's current Bible 101 class. If you have questions, please contact Carol Newman.

#### THE STORY, edited by Max Lucado & Randy Frazee

Published by Zondervan, available locally at Alpha & Omega Parable Bookstore or online at Amazon.

Many of us have heard God's Word (the Bible) in bits & pieces for years... and maybe even tried to read it cover to cover... and wondered how does all this complex history fit together? Two respected pastors have "prayerfully" put together **THE STORY**, a Bible from within the Bible, which reads in an easily understandable, yet accurate and captivating manner.



- ❖ They start with an outline... a timeline: from Creation in B.C. chronologically through Revelation in A.D.; a simple list of the major events (based on Biblical scholars' interpretations)
- ❖ It's written in a style of a "novel" (their words) or even a textbook; 31 "condensed" chapters, in which they "carefully extract" / quote directly from the portions of Scripture that cover these events, people and teachings. In "condensing" some sections, "transitions" have been inserted in italicized words, which explain or summarize omitted text. Some books are left out entirely (e.g. Leviticus).
- ❖ Bible book, chapter and verse sources are not visible in the printed text, but are listed in the appendix.
  - ❖ A familiar language Bible translation is used: the New International Version (NIV).
  - ❖ Maps of the Old and New Testament worlds are included.
- ❖ In other appendices: Major characters of the Bible are defined. Discussion questions for each chapter can be used individually or in a group.

Paraphrasing the Preface, **THE STORY** tells the grandest, most compelling story of all time: the story of a true God who loves His children, who has the power to change who you are, what you think, and how you view life AND who has established a Way of Salvation and provided a route to eternity!

The epilogue points to the global, timeless impact of the Bible and asks: "What will you do with **THE STORY**?"

# 2017 OPC Fellowship Events



**October 15** – Oktoberfest Fellowship Hour. Meal served by the Fellowship Team (Free Will Offering). Please join us for this fun, themed luncheon!

**Thursday, October 26** – Luncheon Outing to Brightly Farms Restaurant and Gift Shop in Hamlin at 11:30 am. Please sign up on the Fellowship Bulletin Board by Sunday, Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>.



**November 19** – Mexican Theme Fellowship Hour with a Piñata for the children. Meal served by the Fellowship Team (Free Will Offering). Mexican Sundaes for dessert!

**December 17** – OPC Christmas Party hosted by the Fellowship Team in celebration of the season and appreciation of all who hosted and/or supported Fellowship Hours. Great food and gifts! 😊



**Please join us for these fun fellowship activities!**

*Thank You!*

**THANK YOU!!!**

The Mission Committee would like to thank the anonymous OPC member for your generous donation to the Spencerport Human Needs Fund. Your support is greatly appreciated!

**THANKS**  
FOR  
**BEING AWESOME**

**PERSONNEL RECOGNITION SUNDAY**

will take place on  
October 22<sup>nd</sup>

Come help us thank our OPC employees for their hard work!



*Stewardship Sunday*

Stewardship Sunday will take place on  
October 29<sup>th</sup>.



### Worship and Fellowship Assistants

#### GREETERS:

October 1 Dick & Marilyn Malloy  
 8 Wayne & Terri Bulan  
 15 Alice Brendel  
 22 Bob Hutchison  
 29 Dawn Hoadley

#### USHERS:

October 1 Sharon & Harry Pittman  
 8 Barb & Charlie White  
 15 Carol Newman & Bonnie Howlett  
 22 Sandy & Jim Frieday  
 29 Anne & Bob Wallace

#### LITURGIST:

October 1 Sandy Frieday  
 8 Carol Newman  
 15 Roger Howlett  
 22 Madi Hoadley  
 29 Norma Jones

#### FELLOWSHIP HOSTS:

October 1 Jean Schult & Marilyn Spielberg  
 8 Resch Family & Fellowship Team (Kirkin)  
 15 Fellowship Team (Oktoberfest) - free will offering  
 22 Personnel (Employee Appreciation)  
 29 Session (Soup & Bread - Stewardship Sunday)

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS:

October 1 Nicole Quinn  
 8 Kelly Bindert  
 15 Cindy Anderson  
 22 TBA  
 29 TBA

#### NURSERY CARE:

October 1 TBA  
 8 TBA  
 15 TBA  
 22 Cindy Anderson  
 29 Dottie Everhart

#### COMMUNION SERVERS:

October 1: Norma Jones, Marlene Dyer,  
 Bill & Pat Everett

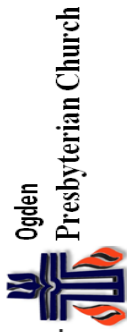
Name	Day
Pamela Gonnoud	10 / 1
Bryce Ewell	10 / 2
Donna Gruendike	10 / 2
Janet Foster	10 / 4
Glenn Ewell	10 / 5
Resielyn Ewell	10 / 6
Pat Everett	10 / 7
Eugene Brendel	10 / 9
Carol Clarke	10 / 9
Kelly Hinett	10 / 13
Pam Ehring	10 / 15
Ruth Gaskill	10 / 18
Christine Matull	10 / 18
Trista Corey	10 / 21
Carol Quinn	10 / 21
Chris Smith	10 / 22
Bart Mandarano	10 / 22
Liam Ewell	10 / 26
Quinn Ewell	10 / 26
Timothy Quinn	10 / 26
Jennifer Hodges	10 / 30
Mary Parkinson	10 / 30

### TRUSTEE OF THE MONTH: Wayne Bulan — October 766-1017

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
1	2 Fellowship, 6pm Cub Scouts, 6:30	3 Women's Bible, 9:30am	4 Choir, 4pm TOPS, 5:30pm Bells, 6pm	5 Missions, 6pm Bible 101, 7pm	6	7
8 Kirkin' o' the Tartans PW (after worship)	9 Columbus Day Cub Scouts, 6:30	10 Women's Bible, 9:30am W&M, 7pm	11 Home Bureau, 9:30-2:30 Choir, 4pm TOPS, 5:30pm Bells, 6pm	12 Stitchin' for Mission, 10am SEM @ Ogden Baptist, 10am Bible 101, 7pm	13	14 PW Tea Party, 1-3pm
15 Oktoberfest Fellowship	16 Lunch Bunch, 11:30 @ Slayton Place Membership, 2pm Men's Bible, Noon @ Union St Eatery Deacons, 6:30pm Trustees, 7pm <b>ORACLE DEADLINE</b> Cub Scouts, 6:30	17 Women's Bible, 9:30am Session, 7pm	18 Choir, 4pm TOPS, 5:30pm Bells, 6pm	19 Bible 101, 7pm	20	21
22 Personnel Recognition Sunday	23 Cub Scouts, 6:30	24 Women's Bible, 9:30am	25 Home Bureau, 9:30-2:30 Choir, 4pm TOPS, 5:30pm Bells, 6pm	26 Bible 101, 7pm Fellowship Outing to Brightly Farms, 11:30am	27 Wedding Rehearsal, 5pm	28 Plucknette Wedding
29 Stewardship Sunday	30 Men's Bible, Noon @OPC Cub Scouts, 6:30	31 Women's Bible, 9:30am	<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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**October 2017**

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**Newsletter Deadline:** Articles for the *November 2017* issue of The Oracle are due in the Church Office no later than **Monday, October 16th** 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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