



The Oracle

Ogden Presbyterian Church
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Dear Friends,

New Year's Resolution!

I can't tell you the number of times my New Year's Resolutions have gone by the wayside.

I wish I were a better person; I try to be a better person. But making resolutions, trying harder only to put me in a vicious cycle of realizing what a failure I am; how the past keeps encroaching on the present; how I absolutely cannot be the person I want to be.

The more I try, the more I fail and the guiltier I become, which then makes me feel obligated to try harder and I start the cycle all over and become entrenched in focusing on my efforts, and my guilt, and my inadequacies and I keep digging the hole deeper and its all about me.

This is the legalism of resolutions by human effort that kills us.

This is the legalism of many "religious" that turn so many people away from church.

Philip Yancey tells us, "the only essential difference that I can tell between Christians and non-Christians is.. that Christians have acknowledged that... we can't make it on our own. We're failures and will continue to fail.. and the church in the year 3006 will be just as full of problems as the church in the year 2006 as it was in the year 1006."

The church isn't about people who are trying on their own effort to follow Jesus' example. It is humanly impossible.

The church is about people who need to be forgiven AGAIN and AGAIN and AGAIN, and who know it, and who ACCEPT that... and who are simply called to love God back.. because nothing else matters anymore... except JESUS.

Friends, if you make a New Year's resolution, let it only be that rather than trying so hard to change some behavior, or be a "good" person, you'll instead make a resolution TO FALL IN LOVE WITH GOD ALL OVER AGAIN.

It's the New Year 2012. Know that Jesus loves you, just for being, not for doing. You are forgiven for all your human striving, and all your failures to love others. You are free! All you have to do this 2012 is to love this amazing God back, with all your hearts, soul, and minds, and strengths. God gives you a new birth, a second chance.. and its because of Christ's death that you are finally really living.

Wishing you a very Happy New Year,

Sudi Layraman

January Sermons

January 1:

1st Sunday after
Christmas
Mark 1:1-8
Romans 7:21-25
"Pressing Forward"

January 8:

Baptism of the Lord
Acts 19:1-7
Matthew 6:31-34
"Seek Ye First"

January 15:

2nd Sunday after
Epiphany
Zechariah 9:9
John 1:29-31
"The Anointed One"

January 22:

3rd Sunday after
Epiphany
Matthew 1:1-16
"The Messiah for All"

January 29:

4th Sunday after
Epiphany
Matthew 28:18-20
"The Great Commission"

Women's Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Mark your calendar and plan to join us on Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2012.

We will begin the new year with a discussion of the book **Same Kind of Different As Me** by Ron Hall, Denver Moore, and Lynn Vincent. The book is available in the Monroe County library system, at Barnes and Noble or on-line.

Food Shelf News

Currently the food shelf is helping about 130 families, and the number keeps growing. Therefore, please continue to contribute food. We are currently in desperate need of peanut butter, hash, chili, baked cookies, toilet paper, pudding and Jell-O, canned meat.

We thank you for all your donations.

OPC THANKS OUTGOING CHURCH OFFICERS

Because of Presbytery policy, which requires rotation in church leadership, every year there will be some elder, deacon, and trustee ending their period of service as officers.

On January 12, Pat Everett will finish her term of service as elder, Chris Matull and Jen Savino as deacons and Jerry Matull as Trustee.

These individuals did not have to give their time and energy to serve the Lord as they did, but they made themselves available to work for the church. OPC thanks them and honors them for their service.

Special Note of Thanks to Our Office Angels

Thank you to those who have helped with Editing, Folding, Mailing, and for Website Posting.

During the year, you have come to the office quietly to help out in many ways. The office work would not have been possible without your support.

*Thanks to all and best wishes for a wonderful new year.
May you have a happy and healthy 2012.
Andrea K. Gillie*

Pancake Breakfasts

January 21

Ogden Presbyterian Church
8am-11am

Gift Certificates available
Adults \$5.00
Children under 10, \$2.00



Have You Heard?

What do Ogden Presbyterian Church, Westminster Abbey, Canterbury Cathedral and The Gerald R. Ford International Airport in Grand Rapids, Michigan have in common? They all have a hearing loop installed. All of these locations (and many more in our area and around the world) have the universal sign (as shown above) posted.

A hearing loop is connected to the sound system (not the organ). Whenever someone speaks into any of the microphones, the sound not only comes out of the speakers but can also be heard anywhere in the sanctuary by those with the proper hearing aid.

Anyone with a hearing aid or cochlear implant that has a "T" (telecoil) switch can now hear all the sounds and voices that come through the speakers. The loop is connected directly to the sound system. The only action needed is to actuate the "T" switch on the individual's hearing aid and voila, a clear voice will be heard.

If you have a hearing aid and are not certain if it can be used with this system, please ask your audiologist.

Speakers, please remember to use the microphones so everyone can hear. There are wireless microphones (handheld and lapel) as well as the ones on the podium and lectern.

This system has been made possible by the Trustees and a generous donation from Bob Wallace.

Anniversary Bricks

Consider purchasing an engraved brick or paver for the area around our bell display as a gift for OPC on our 200th anniversary. Have the brick engraved in honor or memory of a favorite pastor, member or friend of OPC. Another option is to honor loved ones or confirmation youth. Cost is \$35 for an engraved brick which is 4 inches by 8 inches. An engraved 8 inch square paver is \$75. Forms can be found on the web site under the forms tab or by contacting the church office or Harry Pittman.

TREASURER REPORT

Giving Progress through
December 25, 2011



Pledged Gifts-AHEAD \$1,879
Per Capita Paid 64%
To Date: Christmas Joy \$430
Christmas Eve \$475

Taking Down Christmas Decorations

On January 8th immediately following the worship service, please lend your helping hands to our deacons, Stephanie Cassidy and Betsy Hoffer-Goehle

Body and Soul - Men's Bible Study

Saturday, January 21st, 8:30 am in the Oak Room

Pastor Sudi calls men of all ages in OPC to have a pancake breakfast together. We will be sharing scriptures, reading, devotion, encouragement, fellowship, and communication. The cost of the breakfast is \$5.00.

Presbytery News:

For more news or information please go to the presbytery website.

<http://www.pbygenva.org/>

Movie Madness - ALL NIGHT MOVIES Presbytery Youth Event January 15/16 - 7th -12th Graders

Meet: Ogden Presbyterian Church at 10:30 on Sunday Night
Pick-Up: 7:30 AM Monday - Regal Cinema 12 Greece Ridge Center

Cost: \$25.00 Includes 3 movies, 1 popcorn, 1 candy, and 1 drink

Sign-up: Contact Donna Metherell if interested in attending. She will have registration forms.

Deadline: January 8th - this is a Presbytery given deadline with no "wiggle" room! The non-refundable fee must be included with registration forms. Friends are welcome!

Bring: A canned food donation and anything else that will add to comfort (Slippers, Pillow, Sleeping Bag, etc)

Wear: Warm Clothes



Post-Tornado Rebuilding Mission Trip to Tuscaloosa, Alabama

April 14 -21, 2012

Cost: \$585 Includes airfare, ground transportation, housing, and group meals (does not include baggage fees)
Space is limited. Act quickly!

Registration Form Deadline: Sunday January 15, 2012

All skill levels are needed and appreciated. Those who have not had the experience of disaster recovery work are especially encouraged to participate!

Background: On April 27, 2011, an EF 4 tornado devastated the heart of Tuscaloosa. The tornado took the lives of 43 citizens. Hundreds more were injured while thousands of homes and buildings were destroyed or severely damaged. In the wake of that terrible day, thousands of people from all over the world have extended their prayers, sent aid and volunteered to work removing debris and assist in the rebuilding effort. The First Presbyterian Church of Tuscaloosa, in partnership with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, is hosting outside work groups to assist families in the area. A Mission Team of up to 24 volunteers from congregations all around the Presbytery will head to Tuscaloosa to help. All volunteers must be 16 years or older. Interested? Please contact Susan Orr at 242-0099.

Christmas Pageant

“What do we really need for Christmas” by Rev. Nancy Peebles at Ogden Presbyterian Church December 18th, 2011 at 2pm

We give thanks to: all the children who participated in this program and made it successful.

We would also like to thank:

Director: John J. Goehle

Music Director: Sue Feuerherm

Stage Management: Cindy Anderson

Betty Schroeder

Jennifer Savino

Ecumenical:

United Church of Christ

Ogden Baptist Church

Ogden Presbyterian Church

Parma Baptist Church

Rev. Nancy Peebles

Rev. Gail Serratt

Rev. Sudi Layraman

Rev. David Chhangte

We would like to thank all of the Mom's and Dad's for their hard work with transportation and behind the scenes!

Stichin' for Mission

January 12, 2012

10:00-12:00

We will be devoting our meeting to cutting and sewing squares. Please bring your rotary cutters and mat to cut squares and your machine if you would like to sew squares together. Whatever you would like to do we need your help. We also have a group that knits and crochets items like hats, afghans, baby hats, etc. They also welcome help. If you are interested, please plan to join us and we can find a place for your talents.

“Santa and God” at OPC

One Worship service at OPC Santa entered the sanctuary jingling his sleigh bells, opening the doors and walking down the center isle saying, “Ho, Ho, Ho, Merry Christmas!” Then Santa has a dialogue with God, addressing a conundrum which has existed in our Christmas culture for a long time.

Special thanks to Rev. Encie Stevens, playing God,
and Bob Hicks, playing Santa.

SNL @ PARMA BAPTIST CHURCH

January 15, 2012

Where: 4997 Ridge Road West, Spencerport, NY 14559

When: 5:30 - Pot Luck and 6:30 - Worship

Theme: “Hymn Festival of Epiphany”

Offertory: To help support Mary's Place in Rochester

Please plan to join us with this special worship service.

Thanks!

I wish to thank everyone who made “touch cards” for me during my recent illness and to the deacons for their concerns.

We are very impressed by the care we received and for the love from everyone here at OPC.

Sincerely,
Clara Reiber

Welcome to OPC's Newest Member

Our New Member Received on Dec 25, 2011 Lee Rueping
by reaffirmation of Faith.

We give God thanks for her life and for choosing to add
her in the life of our congregation.

We warmly welcome her to this congregation and its wor-
ship and ministry.



Annual Congregational Meeting Sunday, January 29, 2012. Following Worship Service.

The annual congregational meeting to review reports about the previous year, receive the budget, and to vote on the term of call of the pastor will take place on the last Sunday of January, following the conclusion of the worship service.

The church's annual report may be picked up January 22nd in the fellowship hall or the narthex and from the church office thereafter.

Please Pay, if you can at the start of the year, your portion of the PER CAPITA ASSESSMENT.

Because they belong to a connectional church, Presbyterians levy themselves a per capita assessment to support the ministries of the Presbytery, the Synod and the General Assembly of the denomination. This year each church's per capita has been increased to \$25.23 per member. Of that \$6.63 goes to the General Assembly, \$2.60 to the Synod, and \$16.00 to the Presbytery.)

If possible, please pay (if you are a member) your portion of per capita this month and save your church some money. What is not paid by individuals will still have to be paid out of the church's general budget. Thank you for financially helping your church in this way, if you are able.

From the DEACONS ...

Prayers and Concerns
Ephesians 6:18 –“ We pray for one another..”

TO BE REMEMBERED
WITH CARDS AND PRAYERS:

If you would like a request placed on the prayer chain or in the Oracle please contact:

Jennifer Hartwig 594-9707

It is important that the person mentioned give permission for the information to be shared.

In need of Prayers:

Joyce Wheeler	Rev. Jean Dimond
Judy Pagel	Marj Everett
Bob Schenk	Gloria Farnsworth
Joanne Ville	

Pray for those in Care Facilities:

Ginny Hartman	Nita Ashman
Jane Schenk	

Flowers for the Worship Service

There is a sign up sheet on the Deacons bulletin board. Those who wish to provide flowers for the worship service in honor or memory of someone should sign up on this list.



The Deacons would like to acknowledge those of our church family who are currently serving in the United States Military. We will list these each month in our Oracle and encourage the congregation to remember these people and pray for them in honor of their service to our country. We would appreciate the names and addresses from the family members of our service men and women.

They may be called to:

Jennifer Hartwig 594-9707
 Evelyn Bentley 352-1894



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LSA Webster Eric (Cards/letters only)
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The work of the board of deacons is supported by your contributions to the *deacon offering* which is taken on *Communion Sunday*. *Green colored offering envelopes are now available in the pews for this collection.*

**Deacon Moderator Schedule
 2012**

January: Stephanie Cassidy &
 Betsy Hoffer-Goehle

**Trustee of the Month:
 January- Tim Cassidy**

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!

Welcome to Our New Church Officers

- The Session's Elders who will serve us in ministry and governance are:

John Goehle - Worship and Ministry Chairperson
Sandy Frieday - Fellowship Chairperson
Pat Rowe - Clerk of Session
Allison Bindert: Youth

- The Deacons who will serve us in ministry and care are:

Stephanie Cassidy - Deacon Moderator
Dawn Sheffet - Welfare
Jill Nundy - Communion Servers
Zach Caloritis - Welfare and Photographer

- The trustees who will serve us in ministry and management are:

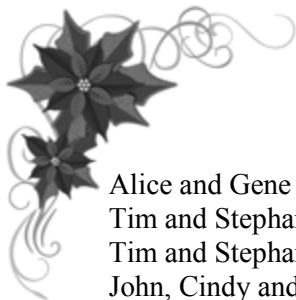
Wayne Bulan

***We still need one person to serve on the board of trustees.**

Clerk of Session - Pat Rowe
Church Treasurer - Harry Pittman
Commissioner to the Presbytery - Bob Wallace

We give thanks for all who are willing to serve and now you are having an opportunity to lead, serve and discern God's call in the ministry of Jesus Christ.

We Remember Our Loved Ones with Poinsettias...



Alice and Gene Brendel
Tim and Stephanie Cassidy
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John, Cindy and Zach Caloritis
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Diane, Dennis, Doug and Kristen Dupree
Doug and Kristen Dupree
Marlene Dyer
Marjorie R. Everett
Jim and Sandy Frieday
Betsy Hoffer-Goehle
Betty Lou Hogue
Betty Lou Hogue
Erna Lever
Ann Metz
The Paulick family
John and Judy Rynne
Pat Sherman
Bob and Anne Wallace
Jean and Charlie Weaver
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Joyce Wheeler

In honor of our family
In memory of our loving grandparents and Tim's father, James Cassidy
In honor of our three children, Heather, Caitlin, and Paul
In memory of John Williams
In memory of Harold Ecker
In memory of Ida and Kenneth Webster and Lester and Gladys Dupree
In honor of Aunt Dennis
In memory of Charles Dyer
In memory of Fred N. Everett
In memory of loved ones
In memory of Gordon Lever
In memory of LeRoy Hogue
In memory of Jay and other loved ones
In memory of Gordon Lever
In memory of Jim Metz
In memory of loved ones
In honor of Lu and Bob Schmitt
In memory of Jennifer
In honor of our grandchildren
In memory of Morris and Anita Johnson
In memory of Blanche and Albert Weaver
In memory of Allan and Frankie Crosier



Christmas Eve Service December 24 at 8:00 pm

A Candlelight Family Worship Service

Theme: "Christmas is a time to experience God's message with all of our senses."

The down to earth message, "Sense-able Christmas at the Manger", presented by our Church family.

The Donkey invites us to hear love
The Dog invites us to smell hope
The Dove invites us to taste peace
The Cow invites us to touch joy
The Sheep invites us to see light.



December Prayers of Concern

LIST

Marlene Dyer's Daughter, Mary Jane

John Caloritis' friend Kevin

All Travelers

Service Men and Women

Those affected by Natural Disasters

Rev. Jean Dimond

Gavyen Serella - Gary Mulford's
friends baby

Thank you for loving support, kindness and prayers concerning the death of my Dad. My entire family is very grateful.

Nancy Holley

Dennise Webster and Family

Joy to have our daughter with us from Florida - The Reiber's

Ann Delaney's brother John

Nancy Holley and Family

Friends and Family of Zachary Reisin

Friends and Family of Cameron DeVeronica

Joys for a donation of toys for Children in Owego, NY from the Brockport Mom's

John Smith - Ron and Debra Glor's Uncle

Eric Webster - Safe Deployment

Joy! Joy! Joy! to have a larger choir, they sound so good!

Alex Klafehn's family

The Hahn's say hello. We visited with them 2 weekends ago while in Arizona. They are keeping very active and life is good. *The Paulicks*

Prayer of Joy for Ruth Gaskill and her Junior and Senior High youth group... this fall they have made care packages for their peers who are attending college for the first time, prepared and served dinner to young women at Bethany House, helped stock and organize the Second Time Around Mission Store, and will rake leaves. God bless them all.

Mike and Pat Walker, neighbors of Joyce Wheeler





Worship and Fellowship Assistants

GREETERS:

January	1	Bonnie Bush
	8	Randy and Marilyn Spilberg
	15	Joanne Ville
	22	Stephanie and Tim Cassidy
	29	Ruth Statt

USHERS:

January	1	Ron & Sheryl Palmer
	8	Bill & Suzie Ewell
	15	Lee Rueping & Chris Matull
	22	Sandi Mandarano & Michelle Rosipayla
	29	Dan Proper & Nancy Holley

LITURGIST:

January	1	Pat Sherman
	8	Harry Pittman
	15	Bob Wallace
	22	Heather Cassidy
	29	Carol Newman

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS:

January	1	TBA
	8	Anne Wallace
	15	TBA
	22	TBA
	29	TBA

Communion Servers:

Sharon and Harry Pittman

BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

Name	Day
Stephen Shelley	1 / 1
Emily French	1 / 1
Emma Savino	1 / 1
Sean Osborn	1 / 4
Sherrill Ridley	1 / 5
Brittany Sheffet	1 / 6
Kristen Kimble	1 / 7
Mark Kimble	1 / 7
Hailey Rizzo	1 / 8
Tom Smith	1 / 8
John Lodge	1 / 10
Norma Jones	1 / 10
Lily Gonnoud	1 / 12
Heather Scheel	1 / 14
Ryan Schumann	1 / 15
Tom Plucknette	1 / 16
Debra Glor	1 / 22
Cody Scheel	1 / 23
Lawrence Mykins	1 / 28
Donna Metz	1 / 28
Sandra Friday	1 / 31
Russell Allen	1 / 31

Sunday School Calendar:

Jan 1 - No Sunday School
Jan 8, 15, 22, 29 - "Peacemaker"

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JANUARY



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 New Year's Day Worship 10 am	2	3 Annual Report Deadline Women's Bible Study 9:30 am CE Meeting 7 pm	4 Bell Choir 6:30 pm Choir 7 pm TOPS 5:30 - 8 pm	5 GSL Team 7 pm	6	7
8 Worship 10 am Baptismal Service Taking Down Christmas Decorations	9 Fellowship 6 pm CS 92 6:30 pm	10 Women's Bible Study 9:30 am Finance 7 pm	11 Bell Choir 6:30 pm Choir 7 pm TOPS 5:30 - 8 pm	12 Mission 7 pm Stichin for a Mission 10 am	13	14
15 Worship 10 am SNL @ Parma Baptist 5:30 Dinner 6:30 Worship	16 Trustees 7 pm Deacons 6:30 pm Worship & Music 7 pm GSL Team 6:45 pm	17 Women's Bible Study 9:30 am Session 7 pm	18 Bell Choir 6:30 pm Choir 7 pm TOPS 5:30 - 8 pm	19 Membership 6 pm	20	21 Pancake Breakfast 8-11 am Men's Bible Study 8:30am
22 Worship 10 am Annual Report Available	23 ML King Day ORACLE Deadline CS 92 6:30 pm	24 Women's Bible Study 9:30 am	25 Bell Choir 6:30 pm Choir 7 pm TOPS 5:30 - 8 pm	26	27	28
29 Worship 10 am Annual Report Sunday	30	31 Women's Bible Study 9:30 am	<p>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.</p>			

GS=Girl Scouts BS=Boy Scouts CS=Cub Scouts
W&M=Worship and Music WBS=Woman's Bible Study

January 2012

Newsletter Deadline: Articles for the *February 2012* issue of The Oracle are due in the Church Office no later than **Monday, January 23**, 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 10:00 a.m.** Church school is offered for all ages. Coffee Fellowship immediately follows worship. All guests are welcome! Pastor: Rev. Sudi Layraman

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