



# The Oracle

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Dear Friends,

I asked many of you this simple question: How are you . . . really?

Here are some of the answers:

- Don't ask!
- I'm chronically tired, and sleep doesn't help.
- My life isn't slowing down, it's speeding up.
- I can't find time to do what I want to do or give time to those with whom I want to share my life.
- When I do take time, I'm too tired to enjoy it.

Do you realize that God is a loving parent? God understands, when we are worn out, stressed out, burned out, fresh out of resources to cope with life, too exhausted to even pray.

God understands when we want to complain saying:

Lord, I 'm not supposed to just drag through life, doing more and enjoying it less.

Exhaustion and stress were not in the contract, when I signed on to follow you.

and Isaiah asks:

"Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom"

(Isa 40:28)

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June 1: 9th Sunday Ordinary Time  
Youth Sunday Worship Service  
Holy Communion Celebration

June 8:10th Sunday Ordinary Time  
"Marriage"  
Ephesians 5:21-33

June 15: 11th Sunday Ordinary Time  
"I Am Proud Of You"  
Mark 1:9-11

June 22: 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
John Goehle will be leading the worship service.



June 29: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
"Relationship"  
Matthew 18:15-17, 21-35

## The Pastor's Message (cont.)

A logical question at this point for those already in overload:

How do we do it?

How do we soar into a close relationship with God?

One of the most neglected of the Ten Commandments is our neglect of God's gift of the Sabbath Day for rest and worship. Many people work 15 hours a day. The cell phones keep us in "contact" for the complete 24 hours. We find fast food restaurants that serve a "late night" dinner for those who work into the wee hours. God created us to work six days and rest on the Sabbath.

God gave the model . . . after working six days on creation, God rested on the seventh . . . not because God was tired, but to marvel at His creation, to take pleasure in His work!

Work without a Sabbath can become a curse! When we fill this holy day with all kinds of activities of DOING rather than BEING, we begin to worship the lesser gods that culture liberally supplies. The problem? These gods cannot feed our soul. They cannot offer the LIFE Jesus wants us to fully enjoy.

Observing the Sabbath can help us experience God's power, to mount up with wings like an eagle . . . soaring beyond fatigue, depression, stress. The Sabbath enables us to reflect on and then follow God's agenda for us, rather than being enslaved to the perverted values of wealth, power and success that dominate this world. Let me give you some challenges to think about:

- Trust God enough to make one day a week your Sabbath. Do it for a month and ask God to validate the rewards for obedience.
- Evaluate your schedule, and decide what can be eliminated, so you can make time for nourishing your relationship with God.
- Spending time in scripture, prayer and reflection. There is no substitute.
- Write to me to share the discoveries you are making.

Have a Happy Sabbath Day

*Sudi*

## Nominating Committee News

The Nominating Committee started working early this year. Rebecca Mason is leaving the Session and Molly Corey has agreed to take over her term. There will be a congregational meeting on June 8th for her election.

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The Committee has had eight people who agreed to participate in planning and overseeing the activities for the 2011 Anniversary of OPC. They are: Alice and Gene Brendel, Ann Delaney, Marlene Dyer, Sandy Frieday, Meghan Lodge, Dan Proper and Joanne Ville.

submitted by Marian Smith

## Presbyterian Women's Annual Picnic

### ATTENTION ALL OPC WOMEN....ANNUAL PW PICNIC

**WHEN:** Tuesday, 6/17

**TIME:** 6 P.M.

**WHERE:** Donna Gruendike's Home  
(Directions and Map on the PW Bulletin Board in the Fellowship Hall)

#### WHAT TO BRING:

- Dish to Share\*
- \*PW will furnish the tableware, desserts and beverages.
- BRING PHOTOS of you and/or your family taken over the years - bring a bunch and we'll have fun sharing our guesses on who is who! (don't worry, you can take the photos back home)....baby pictures, school photos, events, etc. You may also have some of other OPC members that you'd like to bring - please share them with us all!

WE WILL BE COLLECTING ITEMS FOR CAMERON COMMUNITY MINISTRIES TO HELP WITH THEIR SCHOOL SUPPLY COLLECTION: Please help by bringing one or several of the following items for inclusion in this collection. Needed: Pencils, Crayons (Crayola-24 count pkg), Washable Markers, Erasers, Rulers, Scissors (Fiskars Brand), Colored Pocket Folders, Composition Books, Glue Sticks.

We will of course - enjoy a great and hopefully summer evening of fellowship - and have some door prize drawings, etc.

COME OUT AND BRING A FELLOW MEMBER WITH YOU!

ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT JUDY RYNNE OR THE CHURCH OFFICE AT 352-6802.

## Taste of Texas BBQ and Family Event

Located at TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 3450 Ridge Road West, Rochester, NY 14626 (in Greece just West of Lowe's) on **FRIDAY, JUNE 6, 2007**. The event starts at 5:00 p.m. and will last until the food runs out, so please arrive early.

Eat in or take out is offered with GREAT food prepared by TASTE OF TEXAS BBQ ... Featuring Fresh Pulled-Pork BBQ Sandwich or BBQ Chicken with your choice of Salt Potatoes, Coleslaw, Pickle, Sauces, Drink and a Brad's Cookie Nook cookie, all for just \$8.00. Smaller portioned meals for children 12 and under are just \$4.00. There will be live Celtic Music, Puppet Shows, and a large raffle with donations from many area businesses. Plus LOTS Activities for Children! *Please come join us for a fun night! For questions or advance ticket purchase, please contact Matthew Graney at 797-7937*

Thank you, Trinity Episcopal Church

## Per Capita Request

On behalf of the Session, I am asking every member to pay his or her per capita for 2008. The amount is \$25.29 per member. Of that amount, \$3.70 is passed on to Synod and \$5.79 is passed on to General Assembly. As you may recall, we budget and pay per capita based on the total membership of the church. Unfortunately we only receive a fraction of that amount from our members. That means using other income money to pay the remaining portion. This in turn means that we have less to spend on staff, facilities, program and mission. We would like to change that outcome this year. Please do your part. So far we have collected \$2,032 towards a pledged number of \$6,645. If you have not given yet, please consider doing it now.

Perhaps you are asking, "What is per capita and what does my money do"? We belong to the Presbyterian Church. The church is not just a figurehead, but also a functioning body. The support from Presbytery comes in many shapes.

### Presbytery Programs for Congregations:

Helping to find pastors

Stewardship programs

Youth events

Resource center

### Church Leadership Support:

Training for church officers

Committee on Ministry

Training and support of Pastor Nominating Committee

Pastoral care

### Support of church buildings:

Trustees

Capital improvement loan program

Insurance, legal advice

### Link to wider church:

Synod

General Assembly

One great hour of sharing

Presbyterian Disaster relief

It takes money to keep Presbytery running. They need to pay for the people, buildings, and supplies etc. so we can have the support we need when we need it.

To this end I am again asking that we all pay the \$25.29 per capita charge. You can simply put the money/check in a sealed envelope marked "per capita" and drop it in the offering plate or give it to Harry Pittman, our treasurer.

Thank you.

Dick Malloy

Finance Committee

**Summer Sunday School** will start on June 22nd. We need volunteers to teach a 45 minute class with a one time commitment. All lessons are prepared and very easy to follow! Please sign up on the CE bulletin board. Summer Sunday School cannot go on without your help.

## Session Highlights - May 2008

- Approved the confirmation class of 2008 for membership.
- SEM donated \$500 to a local family that lost everything in a recent fire. Many items from the rummage sale were also given to the family. The loose offering (\$180) from the Sunday Night Live service on May 18, 2008 was approved to be donated to this family. A Wal-Mart gift card will be purchased.
- Sudi to take Study Leave from June 19-June 26. She is attending General Assembly in San Jose, CA. John Goehle to preach in her absence.
- VBS worship service on July 13, 2008 at the First Congregational Church will be in place of our regular service.
- Aurora House will be doing some test digging at the future site on Union St. Their attorney and our Presbytery attorney are working on the wording for the property transfer.
- Molly Corey will replace Rebecca Mason on Session. A Congregational meeting to be held June 8, 2008, after the morning worship to elect Molly. A committee of 8 has been selected to plan the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of OPC in 2011.
- Summer hours for worship service to stay the same as the rest of the year, i.e. 10 a.m.
- Sunday Night Live services will take the summer off and start back up in the fall.

## Trustee of the Month: May - Donna Gruendike

One trustee is assigned per month to take care of any building issues that may arise. A list of the assigned "Trustee of the Month" can now be found on the office window. Please call the designated Trustee if you have something that needs to be addressed. Thank You!

### A FRIEND HAS RETURNED

Thank you, Elizabeth Osborn, for a job well done as a replacement for our former secretary Nancy Steedman. You have done an outstanding job. However, it is now Nancy Steedman's turn to be YOUR replacement. YES, NANCY STEEDMAN IS NOW THE SECRETARY OF OGDEN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH!

Presbytery's loss is OPC's gain.  
Thanks be to God!

### It is great to be back!!

It is with great happiness that I have returned to be your secretary once again. The timing was perfect - Elizabeth was ready to pursue her work/study position and I was looking for a job closer to home. What Luck! I am looking forward to seeing all of you again and working with this great church community! You know where to find me - stop in to say Hi!

OPC Secretary, Nancy Steedman

## Vacation Bible School

- Vacation Bible School "**Power Lab**" **Registration forms** are due to Mrs. Metherell by June 1st.
- **Reminder:** There is a sign up sheet on the CE bulletin board for snack items needed.
- **Also:** Does anyone have a Bubble Machine or an aquarium we could borrow?

See Donna Metherell

## Confirmation Class of 2008

On May 18<sup>th</sup> our Commissioning Class became members of the Church, after many months of preparation and hard work with Pastor Sudi and their mentors, they were voted in by the session of OPC.

**Brian Anderson:** I am 15 years old. I am going to be a sophomore at Spencerport High School in the fall. I like playing soccer and I play basketball for my school. I play alto sax in my band at school. *Mentor: Jeff Hahn*



**Kayla Bindert:** I am 15 years old and attend Olympia High School. Some of my favorite subjects are American Sign Language and Gym class. Interests of mine outside of school include playing outside {sprinkler, slip-n-slide, etc.} but my favorite is Ice Hockey. I am very proud to be a member of OPC and believe I am blessed with such an opportunity. *Mentor: Chelsea Metherell*

**Trista Corey:** I am 15 years old and a freshman at Spencerport High School. I play JV lacrosse and basketball. I play sax in the concert band at school. I like to sing, hang out with my friends and shop. I also like Rachel's Challenge at school. I like peace not war. *Mentor: Donna Metherell*

**Kristen Goehle:** I am in 9<sup>th</sup> grade at Spencerport High School. I enjoy hanging out with friends, playing tennis and acting in musicals. *Mentor: Ruth Gaskill*

**Megan Hoffer:** I am 15 years old. I go to Spencerport High School, class of 2011 (9<sup>th</sup> grade). I enjoy being on the school track team, band, girl scouts and GSA. I would like to thank my parents, my grandparents, friends and sisters for their support and love. I would especially like to thank Mrs. Everett for guiding me. I want the congregation to know that I'm very outgoing. *Mentor: Pat Everett*

**Lauren Metherell:** I am a freshman at Hilton High School. I am 15 years old. I love to play sports. I play soccer and lacrosse. I like to hang out with my friends on the weekend, mostly at the mall. And I am very pleased to finally become a member of this church. *Mentor: Dennise Webster*

**Katy Osborn:** I am in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade at Spencerport High School. I am 15 years old. When I get the chance, my hobbies are: beading and crocheting. My two favorite things to do are play the piano and sing. Currently I am involved with the community production "Music Man". *Mentor: Julia Hahn*

## Treasurer's Report

### Giving Progress

Pledged through May 18, 2008	\$52,308
Received against above	\$52,179
<b>BEHIND</b>	<b>\$ 129</b>
Per Capita requirement for 2008	\$6,645
Per Capita received through April 20	\$2,032

## Pancake Breakfast

Saturday June 21, 2008  
 Ogdan Presbyterian Church  
 8am-11am  
 Adults \$4.00 Children under  
 8, \$2.00  
 Gift Certificates available





## Introducing Our New Members

The Membership Committee is delighted to introduce our new members to the congregation. They joined OPC on April 27. Be sure you introduce yourselves when you see them.

**Evelyn Bentley** was born and brought up on the ‘west-side’, graduating from Spencerport High School. She always attended the Elmgrove Methodist Church where she was baptized, married and her three daughters were baptized. When she married an ‘east-sider’, they lived in Fairport until his death. She is now back where she began. Her pride and joy is being the mother of three wonderful girls and their wonderful husbands. She is also very proud of her two grandsons and their beautiful wives. She is very happy to have joined this marvelous church. Evelyn says that you have all made her feel welcome and she appreciates your letting her “come home”. She is happy to be a part of the OPC family.

**Dawn Hoadley** lives in Spencerport with husband, Dave and two daughters; Alyssa and Madison. Dawn teaches 3<sup>rd</sup> grade at Terry Taylor School.

**Clara and George Reiber** are returning to OPC after living in Florida for 22 years. They had a cottage on Seneca Lake and were snowbirds visiting OPC when they came to visit their daughter, Dawn Sheffet and her family and son, George and his family. They were very active members when they were here before; George as an Elder and on Trustees, Clara was active as a Deacon, in Sunday School, choir, and Harvest Festival committee. We are happy to be back at OPC a caring, friendly, active church. They have four children, seven grandchildren and one great grand daughter. George is now in the choir and Clara attends the Women’s Bible Study.

**Pat Tripoli** has transferred to OPC from Holley Presbyterian Church. She is also a returning member. She was married to her 2<sup>nd</sup> husband at OPC, 24 years ago. She likes the small, friendly feeling of OPC.



### Coffee Hours for July and August

Due to lower attendance in the summer and the difficulty in getting people to volunteer, we will not have a coffee hour after worship service on the Sundays when nobody has signed up for that day. Thank you to those who have signed up for July and August. Your help is greatly appreciated. *Carol Quinn*



Additional church photo directories are available from the church office for \$8.00 each.

The sympathy of the Congregation is extended to Don and Janet Fraina, on the death of Jan’s mother, Janette Knop on May 5, 2008. We thank God for the gift of her life and rejoice in the resurrection into Christ’s eternal kingdom.

*With  
Sympathy*

*Pastor Judi*

## Crop Walk A Success!

Thank You to all 16 of the 'walkers' from OPC:

Pastor Sudi  
 Evelyn Bentley  
 Diane Dupree  
 Gaskill Family (3)  
 Nancy Holley  
 Metherell Family (4)  
 Dan Proper  
 Mary Saurini  
 Jean Schult  
 Don Voorhees  
 Jean Weaver



# Big Thank You!

## Trustee 'Work Day' May 3, 2008



Also, a Thank You to you all who donated your money to make the Crop walk a success. We raised almost \$6,000 on Sunday, May 4th.

## Thank You!

Dear OPC,

It was such a surprise to see Sudi and Dan at the hospital with a beautiful quilt for me. I was cold from some of the meds, so, it was not only warming but heart warming. Thank you one and all for the cards and caring.

Barb Blakely

Thank you for your donation of hats to the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. Our infants and their families appreciate a "home made" touch. What a special keepsake to be able to take home with their baby. Your generosity and thoughtfulness are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely, Dawn Patarella, NICU Secretary

A Huge Thank you to the entire congregation for their never ending support!! Our Mission Trip fundraising has completely covered the cost of our trip!! We couldn't have done it without everyone's help. We're so excited about the trip and can't wait to tell you all about it when we return!!

Our family would like to thank all of you for the wonderful support we received upon the birth of our daughter, Lilyanna. The meals, cards, well wishes and prayers were much needed and truly appreciated. Our Tiger-Lily will continue to grow and thrive with the love of her extended spiritual family. Thank you all and God Bless!

Pamela, Christopher, LuLu and Lily Gonnoud

## 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:

Mary Saurini - 349-4343  
Dan Proper - 329-9107

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

*In need of Prayers:*

Scott Anderson  
Art Donner  
Heather Jeffery  
Tim Quinn  
Ginny Hartman  
Don Voorhees

*Pray for those in Care Facilities:*

Nita Ashman  
Jane Schenk

*With Sympathy:*

We extend our deepest sympathies to Janet Fraina and her family on the death of her mother.

**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.*



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:

Mary Saurini - 349-4343  
Dan Proper - 279-9691

Lieutenant Eric Hahn, USN  
5982 Sitgreaves  
Ft. Belvoir, VA 22060

Sgt. Suzanne Hicks  
(moved to Fort Drum, no address currently available)

RP3 Paul and Caitlin Meabon  
NSA Chapel  
PSC 808 Box 54  
FPO AE 09618-0054

SPC Sean Mulford  
3828#B Buena Vista  
Ft. Irwin, CA 92310

PV2 Gary Mulford  
9045 Gunston Rd  
PO Box C4  
Fort Belvoir VA 22060

IC1(SW/AW) Christopher King (Hutchison Grandson)  
IC01 WCS/ SITE Tech.  
USS McCampbell DDG-85  
FPO, AP 96672-1275

## Worship and Fellowship Assistants

### GREETERS:

June 1	Todd and Jackie Ewell
8	The Hoadley Family
15	The Cassidy Family
22	Joanne Ville
29	The Mason Family

### USHERS:

June 1	Pat Tripoli/Sandi Mandarano
8	Judy Rynne/Bob Schmidt
15	Betty Hogue/Norma Jones
22	Mary Saurini/Marlene Dyer
29	Pat Hutchison

### LITURGIST:

June 1	Children/Youth
8	Julia Hahn
15	Dennis Dupree
22	Jill Nundy
29	Pat Sherman

### FELLOWSHIP HOSTS:

June 1	TBD
8	Discipleship Committee
15	Fellowship Committee
22	The Paulick Family
29	TBD

### COMMUNION SERVERS:

June 1 Betty Hogue, Norma Jones,  
Sim Mulford, Elizabeth Osborn



## BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH


Take the time to say a prayer and send a greeting to your birthday friends in our OPC family.

Name	Birthday
Abbey Brothers	6 / 3
Michael Rizzo	6 / 3
Brandon Foster	6 / 5
Barbara Weigand	6 / 5
Sudi Layraman	6 / 7
Todd Ewell	6 / 9
Lauren Ver Steeg	6 / 9
Dan Halstead	6 / 9
Alexandra Lodge	6 / 10
Jennifer Savino	6 / 10
Thomas Plucknette	6 / 11
Kristen Dupree	6 / 12
June Donner	6 / 12
Randy Spielberg	6 / 12
Betsy Hoffer-Goehle	6 / 13
Sarah Corey	6 / 13
Fred Everett	6 / 13
Ruth Statt	6 / 14
Katherine Resch	6 / 17
Robert Schmitt	6 / 17
Marian Smith	6 / 18
Barbara Blakely	6 / 20
Mark Heck	6 / 21
Annette Hauenstein	6 / 21
Mark Heck	6 / 21
Carlye Rizzo	6 / 21
Timothy Fox	6 / 21
Ann Metz	6 / 24
Ronald Palmer	6 / 26
Nancy Holley	6 / 26
Adam Mason	6 / 27
Sally Brothers	6 / 27
Melissa Johnston	6 / 28

# June 2008



**Sun**      **Mon**      **Tue**      **Wed**      **Thu**      **Fri**      **Sat**

<b>1</b> Worship 10 am	<b>2</b> 9:30 am WBS  7 pm Christian Ed	<b>3</b> 9:30 am WBS  7 pm Christian Ed	<b>4</b> 5:30-8 pm TOPS 7 pm Choir	<b>5</b> 7 pm W&M	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 6 pm Music Recital
<b>8</b> Worship 10 am	<b>9</b> 9:30 am WBS 7 pm Deacons	<b>10</b> 9:30 am WBS 7 pm Deacons	<b>11</b> 5:30-8 pm TOPS 7 pm Choir	<b>12</b> 10 am Stitching	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> Worship 10 am <b>Graduate Sunday</b> <b>Father's Day</b>	<b>16</b>  <b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b> 6:30 pm Trustee 7 pm Session	<b>17</b> 9:30 am WBS	<b>18</b> 5:30-8 pm TOPS 7 pm Choir	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 3 pm Wedding Set up for Breakfast	<b>21</b> 8-11 Pancake Break-fast
<b>22</b> Worship 10 am	<b>23</b> 9:30 am WBS	<b>24</b> 9:30 am WBS	<b>25</b> 5:30-8 pm TOPS 7 pm Choir	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> Worship 10 am BS Court of Honor <b>Youth Mission Trip Begins</b>	<b>30</b>	Sunday worship is at 10:00 am		<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>		

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

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