

Ogden Baptist Church

March 2026 Newsletter

"A Place to Call Home"



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From the Pastor's Desk

HAPPY SPRING IS COMING!!

My what a winter we are having. I like snow or at least I thought I liked snow. Ask me next July or August!! We do have the hope of Spring and that is because we know it is coming. It just always does. I like knowing; the unknown is sometimes scary. Because we like to know what lies ahead, we sometimes worry. The thing is we do not have to worry about anything because we have put our faith in Jesus.

Faith in the power of the God who created us, loved us so much He sent His Son to die for our sins, and resurrected Him from the grave so we could have hope, is without a doubt our most valuable asset as Christians.

What our world needs right now is hope. We are living in troubled times. We do not know what to expect. Our world is in turmoil everywhere we look. Many people are lost and forlorn because of the conditions in which they find themselves. Those of us who know Jesus are not free from distress because there are things going on that we feel helpless to change.

Our hope lies in Jesus and the more we depend on Him, the better chance that we will be prepared to share the good news with those we encounter. God's Word speaks to us about hope.

Psalm 33:18-22

But the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him,
on those whose hope is in his unfailing love,
to deliver them from death
and keep them alive in famine.

We wait in hope for the Lord;
he is our help and our shield.

In him our hearts rejoice,
for we trust in his holy name.

May your unfailing love be with us, Lord,
even as we put our hope in you.

God's eyes are upon us, His unfailing love is ever present, we can purposely wait for Him because He is our shield and our hearts can rejoice because when He is for us, nothing will happen that He is not in. Wonderful truth to stand on. Hope not in circumstance but in Christ Jesus!!

Pastor Carol

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May God's luck shine upon us as we hurl headfirst into March! I can hardly believe it, but we have again reached one of our most sacred seasons in the Church - Lent. During my preparations I read something wonderful that I think we should all carry with us as we consider this next season, let us reframe and focus the Lenten season from 'punishment and withholding' to 'sacrificial soul training'. After all, when we practice the spiritual disciplines of Almsgiving, Repentance, Prayer, and Fasting in a modern context we must find new ways that create both engagement with our spirit and growth in our relationship with our Creator and community.

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Sunday School continues onwards with the development of the Christian Faith in the New World (what will become the thirteen original colonies and eventually the United States of America). Exploring how freedom of religious and denominational choice fueled early conversations that would lead to the Declaration of Independence and the Bill of Rights as well as the Constitution. As well as some of the darker parts of our country's religious history with a brief reflection on the Salem Witch Trials.

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We will also begin working through a new devotional study beginning on February 22; Lent Stories for Teens 2026; Navigating Doubt, Faith, and Everything in between by Phil Hunt.

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SEYG is an inter-denominational youth group which meets biweekly on the second and third Sunday of each month. Lunch is always provided! Carpooling is available, if you know a teen middle school or up interested get in touch with Youth Director and Children's Minister, Dale Spencer, to get involved!

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We'd like to thank everyone who ordered a Superbowl submarine sandwich! All the profits went directly to our Munn weekend snack ministry to help with local children experiencing lack of adequate meals. The youth and Board of Christian Education members along with family and friends had a great time assembling the sandwiches and delivering them to those stuck at home for the big game.

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March

1 – Heidi Finger
3 – Bonnie McCreight
5 – Sallie Hoak
6 – Linda Benjamin
6 – Phil Cole
11 – Mary Jo Green



15 – Emery (Franko) Becker
15 - Jody (Vargo) Johnson
16 – Karen Houston
19 – Nathan Sill
26 – Easton Dieter
31 – Terry Predmore

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

to vote on the annual
Mission Budget
Sunday, March 15
in the Fellowship Hall
Immediately following worship

AMERICA FOR CHRIST

We will be collecting this mission offering through March. Envelopes will be available in the pews through March.

David VanderTang is recovering from a fall in which he fractured a hip and a cervical vertebrae. If you would like to send a card or stop in for a visit he is at:

McCormick Transitional Care Center
Room 509
1555 Long Pond Rd.
Rochester, NY 14626



The Choir will be singing at Evergreen Place on Sunday, March 1st at 1:00pm and we welcome any and all who would like to join us! It's fun!



from the front
of the choir

Notes from our Boards

- * Deacons' meeting will be held March 3 at 3:00pm.
- * Trustees' meeting will be held March 10 at 6:00pm.
- * Council meeting will be held March 10 at 7:00pm.



PULPIT SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE



It's been a while since we have updated the congregation on our search for a new Pastor. Some have asked how the search is going and I am reminded an update is in order. Our committee had met over the summer and fall to create a job description based on our Congregation's input. We paused our meetings over the holidays, waiting for next steps. We understood the candidate pool had continually shrunk over the last decade. But, we were confident in Ogden Baptist's future and ability to attract the person God has chosen to lead us into the future.

We submitted our Profile in September to ABC to be entered into the ABC National search system. This system has been undergoing changes for the last few years and was supposed to be up and running about the time of our submission. It is now February and it is still not functioning. This is a frustration throughout the region as well as ABC National. Now waiting for the system to function, our information has been posted in several places outside of ABC. So far no viable candidates have been identified. Do not loose faith, our last two full time ministers came through personal contacts and not through the national search system.

We will continue to work on future possibilities and we ask for your continued prayers. Prayers for Ogden Baptist Church, other churches also searching and for our yet to be found Pastor.

Nancy McGuire, Moderator

FLOWERS FOR EASTER 2026

Help us adorn our sanctuary for Easter by ordering spring flowers in honor of or in memory of someone dear to you.

Your Name & Telephone#: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

QTY	COST EACH	COLOR	TOTAL COST
_____	Daffodils (6") \$6.00	(Yellow)	\$ _____
_____	Tulips (6") \$6.00	_____	\$ _____
_____	Begonia (6") \$10.00	_____	\$ _____
Grand Total			\$ _____

Available colors for Tulips: Yellow, Pink, Purple, Red

Available colors for Begonias: Red, Yellow, Pink, Orange

Checks should be made out to Ogden Baptist Church Deacons.

Give order form and money to Bonnie McCreight, Karen Weathers, Pat Thomas, Donna Peters or Nancy Dean, **by March 15th**. Thank you.

40 DAYS OF LENTEN GIVING FOR THE MUNN SCHOOL BACKPACK PROGRAM

Applesauce cup
Tuna packet
Cereal box
Pop tart
Cheese and crackers
Mac & cheese cup
Vanilla Oreo cookies
Peanut butter cup
Jelly packets
Instant oatmeal
Peaches cup
Ritz Bits
Spaghetti cup
Cheerios
Pears cup
Granola bar
Pudding cup
Club cracker stack
Pretzel stix
Chicken salad & crackers



Peanut butter cracker snack
Chicken packet
BelVita mini cookies
Cherry fruit cup
Fig Newtons
Pringles
Raisins
Ravioli cup
Cereal bar
Mini muffins
Fruit snacks
Rice Krispie treat
Teddy grahams
Combo pretzels
Tuna & cracker packet
Ramen noodle cup
Chocolate Oreos
Mini pretzel packet
Goldfish
Mandarin oranges



Traditionally, Lent has been a period of giving up something. We'd like to offer you an opportunity to give something for forty days. This year we have chosen the Munn School Backpack Program. These items may be purchased individually or in larger quantities. Another option would be to set a coin amount for each day and donate it. Emily will use it to purchase in larger quantities. Thank you for prayerfully considering our Lenten project.

COMING SOON



Spring, Flowers, Green Grass, CROP Hunger Walk!
Sunday, May 3, 2026 - OBC will again form a team.
And raise funds to help fight hunger.



PLANT SALE

May 23 8am - 1pm

Ogden Baptist Church

721 Washington Street, Spencerport

Hosta, iris, ferns, raspberries, columbine,
rhubarb, house plants and more.



LOOKING AHEAD TO APRIL

**Maundy Thursday service
6:30PM on April 2nd.**



Region Notes:

Delegates met via Zoom on February 7. Among reports given our Associate Executive Minister, Rev. Alicia Dixon-Garrard, shared the status of the cohorts involved in the Thriving in a 21st Century Church Post-pandemic World (Thriving Congregations) program made possible by the Lilly Grant. Cohort 1 is close to conclusion, Cohort 2 is at work and thriving, and an information session for starting Cohort 3 was held on February 25. Delegates were directed to seek further information on the region website. The address for this page is <https://www.abcgrgr.org/thriving>

Rev. Dixon-Garrard also reviewed initiatives being taken on region goals including anti-racism, ecological justice, and mental health.

Executive Minister, Rev. Dr. Sandra Hasenauer, has completed her time of sabbatical and vacation and reports looking forward to giving her full attention and focus to region priorities. She shared that 9 region churches are searching for new pastors. In regard to searches there have been denominational transitions and software changes that have slowed the search process quite a bit. There are new clergy coming up who will be reviewed for ordination when meetings of the Permanent Council for Ordination can be scheduled.

In May the delegates will have a return to an Annual Gathering and discuss by-law changes, elect individuals to the Executive Board, plus look forward to preparing for the region's 200th anniversary which will coincide with the 2027 Biennial Gathering of ABCUSA churches to be held in Rochester.





Other items were covered though will not take room for them here. Asking for blessings and prayers for the region to continue to be connected and thriving.

Submitted by Mary Jo Green



March 2026



1  9:30 S School 10:30 Worship 11:30 Coffee Hour 1:00 Evergreen	2 9 & 10:15a Chair Yoga 5:30 & 7p Gentle Yoga	3 3p Deacons 7:30p AA Meets	4 10a Gentle Yoga 6:15p Strength 7p Choir	5 5:45-7:00p Gentle Yoga	6 7:30p AA Meets	7 10a Karate
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29  Palm Sunday 9:30 S School 10:30 Worship 11:30 Coffee Hour	30 9 & 10:15a Chair Yoga 5:30 & 7p Gentle Yoga	31 7:30p AA Meets		<div style="border: 2px solid green; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> APRIL 2 Maundy Thursday Service 6:30pm </div>		