

Ogden Baptist Church

April 2026 Newsletter

“A Place to Call Home”



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This morning the sun is shining and if that's all you see then you can believe Spring is here. It almost is here! It's coming! Thankfully, it will arrive!!

Easter is almost here whether the weather agrees or not. Holy Week is upon us as I write and I am excited about that. Easter is our greatest hour as a church. We celebrate our Risen Lord. It is always a festive occasion and one we celebrate with great joy all year. It is what makes Christianity different from all other religions. Jesus dies for our sins, but He rises from the dead and because of that we live abundant, victorious lives forever with Him.

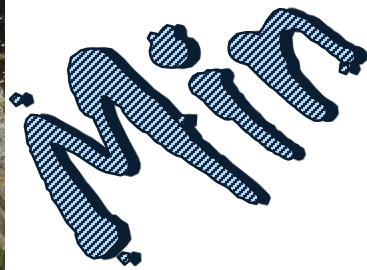
Easter means that we experience God's love in such a way that we feel love, love from God but also love from each other. Our hearts are enriched by the love that flows from Him and we are able to love differently than one who doesn't know Jesus. There is a kindred Spirit among other Christians wherever we gather.

Easter also means that we are encouraged when tough times arise. The Holy Spirit is a great Encourager and He causes us to know that God is present in anything that we are facing. Because Jesus sent His Spirit we are never alone.

The greatest thing about Easter is that it reminds us that Jesus left us with a challenge. We are to share the Good News. Our sins have been forgiven and we are commissioned to tell the world that they too can have eternal life free from the bondage of sin plus abundant life.

Glory, Hallelujah, Praise the Lord. JESUS LIVES!!





As we enter the second half of the Lenten season, I pray that students along with families have been given opportunities for faith formation through our Lenten activity calendar and Spiritual gift surveys offered to our entire congregation over the last month. Lent is always a time for reflection and transformation, and as Christians we are never too old to grow in our faith. Keep your eyes and ears peeled for more of these Christian Education offerings in the coming months!

As we enter what is known on the Church calendar as the Easter season, we are reminded that Easter will not end on Easter Sunday. In fact, the season of Easter will have just begun! Our Sunday School cohort will have traveled through centuries of Christian History completing both a unit on European church history and American church history. What a journey it has been! Looking forward we will be exploring our study unit for the Spring, **Systematic Theology for Youth!** What is systematic theology? Good question! The term: Systematic Theology is just fancy seminary terms for organizing your personal thoughts and beliefs in a coherent and rational manner. Considering students deep dive through the scriptures with their recent chronological read through of the Bible paired with their knowledge of Christian history we will now be able to understand our faith and form our own opinions on the traditions, spiritual doctrines, and worship practices of the American Baptist denomination. I simply cannot wait to get started and see what inquires our youth have for us a faith family and denomination.

Don't forget to bring the entire family to church for Holy Week! We will have a special Family Devotional time on Palm Sunday during worship to hear a retelling of the Children's narrative; "The Donkey Who Carried a King."

The SeYG youth will again come together to serve the community with an alternate Good Friday service in addition to the one offered by SEM! We hope you can attend either as Good Friday gives us a moment of silence to pause and reflect on Christ's journey and great sacrifice on the cross. SeYG Good Friday service will be held at Avon Presbyterian Church at 7pm. SeYG continues to meet every other Sunday afternoon with lunch and a mini lesson, followed by fellowship discussion and prayer! All grades 5 and above are encouraged to attend. Carpool is available!

Again! Bring the whole family to Easter Sunday and enjoy Fellowship Hour with the congregation! We look forward to seeing you and spending this most important church season with you!

April

8 – Lorry Rybak
8 – Tom Hill
9 – Larry Mance
12 – Ryan Pedersen
13 – Cheryl Predmore
16 – Lee Castellano



17 – Robert Kraus
19 – Heidi Feuerherm
19 – Jim Volke
19 – Bruce Thomas
20 – Beth Calabria

**Maundy Thursday Service
6:30pm on April 2**

**SEM Good Friday Service
6:00pm, April 3
Ogden Presbyterian Church**

**SeYG Good Friday Service
7:00p, April 3
Avon Presbyterian Church**

The Choir will be singing at Evergreen Place on **Sunday, April 12** 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 April 7 at 3:00pm.
- * Trustees' meeting will be held April 14 at 6:00pm.
- * Council meeting will be held April 14 at 7:00pm.

Spencerport CROP Hunger Walk!

Sunday, May 3, 2026

You are invited to walk and get sponsors to support this annual fundraiser for hunger relief in Spencerport and areas around the world served by Church World Service. OBC has formed a team for many years and we look forward to this year's walk and to helping the fight against hunger. Mary Jo Green is our team captain and your questions are welcome. Visit the link below for info and/or to make a donation.

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/chw/event/spencerportny>

Spencerport Ecumenical Food Shelf

Pat, OBC Food Shelf rep.



BO-GO for the FOOD SHELF for April.

Everybody loves a challenge. Let's use our shopping skills and see what's the best buy we can get for the Food Shelf. **BO-GO** means **Buy One Get One** for free so that's a great place to start. There are some equally satisfying best shopper! buys. 10/\$10.00 is always fun for pudding and Jell-o. Sometimes they

put Hamburger Helper on Sale 2/\$5.00. The main list of items used by the Food Shelf is posted as you enter the Fellowship Hall off the parking lot. I will send you any urgent requests as soon as I receive them. I love a good bargain. Let's see who the best shopper is!

OBC Spring Cleaning - Saturday, May 2, 8-Noon

Please come, socialize and help spruce up our church. We'll work outside, if weather permits, picking up sticks, weeding, mulching, trimming, filling in ruts, washing windows, vacuuming registers, and more. Bring gardening tools. We look forward to your help making for short work.



OBC OPPORTUNITIES

Worship Reading

There are still opportunities for you to sign up to read the Call to Worship and/or the Second Scripture. Take a moment to sign up. We'll send you the reading on the Thursday before your Sunday.

Coffee Hour

Thank you to all who have provided refreshments for our coffee time. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Find a couple of friends to share the morning.

Newsletter

If you have something for the monthly newsletter, please pass it along to the church office at obcspencerport@gmail.com before the 15th of each month to insure it will be included.

Thank you!

**ONLY A FEW DAYS LEFT!
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.



PLANT SALE

May 23 8am - 1pm

Ogden Baptist Church

721 Washington Street, Spencerport

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



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 10a Gentle Yoga 6:15p Strength 7p Choir	2 5:45-7:00p Gentle Yoga Maundy Thursday Service 6:30p	3 7:30p AA Meets SEM Good Friday Service 6:00p OPC SeYG Good Friday 7:00p Avon Pres	4 10a Karate
5  EASTER 9:30 S School 10:30 Worship 11:30 Coffee Hour	6 9 & 10:15a Chair Yoga 5:30 & 7p Gentle Yoga	7 3p Deacons 7:30p AA Meets	8 10a Gentle Yoga 6:15p Strength 7p Choir	9 5:45-7:00p Gentle Yoga	10 7:30p AA Meets	11 10a Karate
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