

Ogden Baptist Church

June 2026 Newsletter

“A Place to Call Home”



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From the Pastor's Desk

Psalm 8:1 "Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!"

This describes how my month of May has been. I am amazed at how God works in our lives. It just never seems to be any other way. God is a personal companion that struggles when we struggle, who delights when we delight, and who never grows weary with our ups and downs. He is ever-present and works in the everyday events of our lives.

Reflecting on the goodness of God usually happens when God does something amazing in our lives. However, we may be missing one of the greatest miracles by not paying attention to the daily, moment by moment occurrences. God is always at work in our lives and when we acknowledge that by being aware of Him in those mundane, just habitual things we have to do in our routine lives can enrich our days and glorify God in the process.

How majestic is our God!

I had a conversation this past week that had the potential of upsetting me. I experienced one of those "peace that passes all understanding" in that I was able to see that person from God's perspective. Instead of being angry or upset, I felt love and understanding. My love seems deeper and my resolve to continue the relationship is greater than ever before.

How majestic is Your Name, O Lord!

Thought life is vitally important for the Christian. Satan is on the warpath and he never gives up. Anxiety, fear, depression are all symptoms of negative thoughts. We tend to tell ourselves the lies of Satan. Refusing to have negatives thoughts is powerful. The Holy Spirit will intervene when we decide to be positive. We will remember how God has worked in the past, we will recall His promises and realize that our thought life can change.

How majestic is the Lord, our Lord!

My life has been enriched in so many ways I especially want to say again that "my heart is still singing". Your birthday cards and the beautiful cake and all the singing, thrilled my soul. You are such loving, kind and dedicated people, and I love being your interim Pastor!

Oh Yes, how Majestic is Your Name, O God!!

Pastor Carol

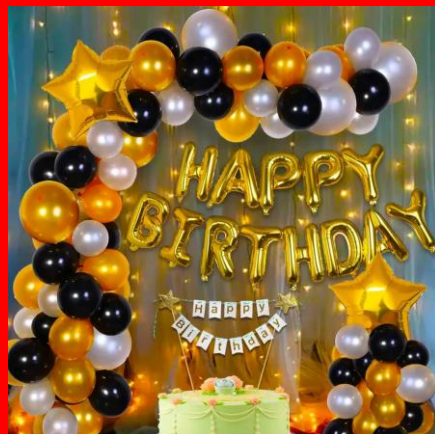




June



- 1 – Carol Glasspoole
- 1 – Tom Cole
- 1 – Gary Parker
- 2 – Nance Dean
- 4 – Becky Cox
- 6 – Carol Butler
- 12 – Vanessa Anchor



- 18 – Gail Renee Hill
- 19 – Dale Spencer
- 21 – Valeri Harrington
- 24 – Calisca Butler
- 27 – Ryan White
- 29 – Ryan Butler
- 30 – Chuck Vogt

The Choir will be singing at Evergreen Place on Sunday, June 7 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 June 2 at 3:00pm.
 - * Trustees' meeting will be held June 9 at 6:00pm.
 - * Council meeting will be held June 9 at 7:00pm.
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ALL CHURCH PICNIC

June 14 – Following Worship

Everyone is welcome. Deacons are providing hot dogs, rolls, and condiments. Please bring a dish to pass, but it's not necessary. There is a sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall so we can get an idea of how many are coming.

Spencerport CROP Hunger Walk!

Sunday, May 3, 2026

CROP Hunger Walk

**CROP
HUNGER WALK**
ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME



Team OBC was made up of the Cole family, Castellano family, Gary & Ann Link, Paul & Judy Smith, Fred Dean, and Mary Jo Green. We had a wonderful day for the walk and our donors bumped us over our goal bringing the total collected to \$2,076! We thank everyone for your thoughts, prayers, and donations to fight hunger.



Have a blessed summer.

OBC ANNUAL PLANT SALE

\$800 was taken in on the day of the sale. Remaining plants were left outside with a contribution pot for folks passing by.



Spencerport Ecumenical Food Shelf



Pat Thomas, OBC Food Shelf rep.

Spring has arrived and many of us have spring cleaning in mind. If you are thinking of cleaning your pantry or cupboards, please think of the food shelf. If items are close to expiration, and you don't think you'll use it by then, please share your bounty. Did you buy extra items for the holidays and never use them, pass them on. Even condiments like olives or pickles are acceptable. Two jars of peanut butter and you only need one, please share one. Many items are still accepted beyond the use by date such as pasta or canned items. Happy cleaning and thank you from the Food Shelf.

The Women's Auxiliary

Thank you for bringing in returnable cans and bottles, and to Dave Haines for returning them. Since last April we have realized \$219 in can and bottle returns. The money has been used for special offerings.

Going forward, Dave will be giving the money to Emily Cole for the Munn school backpack program.

Thank you all for your support for the Munn school project and continuing to bring in cans and bottles.



SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE



**NO KID SLEEPS
ON THE FLOOR
IN OUR TOWN!**



Who we are

We have a dedicated team of volunteers who build and deliver beds to needy children around our community. We believe that each child deserves a bed, and that it provides the physical, emotional and mental support to succeed in school and life. If a child needs a bed, we want to make sure they get one. Our motto -- *No kid sleeps on the floor in our town!*

Our core values

- THE CHILD COMES FIRST - We center our decisions around children's needs
- PROTECTING THE VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE - They are the heart of our mission
- SERVING WITH INTEGRITY - Trust is the foundation to boost our community

IT'S MORE THAN JUST A BED - It's about dignity, security and hope

We are an all-volunteer organization that typically has one build day and one delivery day per month.

We are having an interfaith build on **Saturday, July 18 at Memorial AME Zion Church in Corn Hill** if your church would like to participate. We're asking churches who are interested to sign up by early June if they'd like to join. **Pre-registration is required. Sign up sheets are in the Fellowship Hall.** We are not able to accommodate walk-ins. Thanks for your understanding and thank you for your donation! Use Sign-Up sheet if you would like to volunteer on July 18th. Deacon's will register our group prior to the event based on the sign up sheet.

Volunteering Requirements

- Each volunteer is required to fill out an Indemnification Release Form.
- Children under the age of 12 are asked to be supervised by a parent/guardian at all times. Minors 12 and older are required to be accompanied by a legal guardian, for their safety and the safety of all our volunteers.

Who Can Volunteer

Build Days are meant for communities to come together to serve. Because of this, we encourage kids, adults, families, co-workers, neighborhoods, community groups, churches, organizations, businesses, schools, etc. to [sponsor](#) or participate in a build day.





American Baptist Churches of
the Rochester | Genesee Region

Some Region notes:

The spring Delegate's meeting of the Rochester-Genesee Region of ABCUSA was Saturday morning, May 2. This meeting marked a return to an Annual Gathering of region churches after a trial of a biennial system. Besides the meeting there were events for pastors and workshops for delegates who could attend in person. OBC delegates were unable to be there in person so participated in the meeting via Zoom.

In person events were held at Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church in Rochester. With the return to an annual gathering format the region bylaws were updated and shared with delegates for their vote. Following discussion and explanations the delegates voted to accept the new bylaws. When the Executive Board reworked the bylaws they also developed a delegate's manual. Delegates received this document and are asked to review it for a vote in the fall.

The 2026/27 draft budget was presented and reviewed. It was noted that the new position of Associate Executive Minister is currently only funded through the end of 2027 and an increase in salaries of support staff was also noted. In votes taken at this meeting, delegates were introduced to the consensus process for taking votes. There is still more to learn of course, however, delegates comfortably voted accepting the draft budget approving its adoption for the coming fiscal year.

Reports were shared by our region president, Rev. Jason Alspaugh, the Associate Executive Minister, Rev. Alicia Dixon-Garrard and Executive Minister, Rev. Dr. Sandra Hasenauer. I will share some of Sandy's remarks. The ABCUSA Biennial will be June 10-13, 2027 and will be held in Rochester hosted by our region churches. As part of the weekend, the region will honor its 200th anniversary with a celebration on June 10, 2027. We are encouraged to pray for all preparations and consider whether individuals might be able to host attendees from out of town.

In other remarks, Sandy shared that there are now 13 churches in pastoral transition. She pointed out that churches across denominations are experiencing similar difficulties as our own in finding pastoral candidates and even interim pastors. "Please pray for pastors and congregations navigating transitions, and for God to raise up new leaders for vocational ministry."

And last but not least, Sandy has announced her retirement as of August 31, 2027. A search is now or soon to be in progress to find her replacement. She will still be with us for another year and a quarter and prayers are asked for Sandy, for the search, for the region and all churches involved in their own searches. Let us be a blessing to one another in these times. Thanks be to God.

Dear ABCRGR friends,

At the region delegates meeting on Saturday, May 2, I formally announced my plans to retire on August 31, 2027, approximately 15 months from now. My retirement date has been chosen in concert with my husband's; we have plans for travel and creative pursuits, dogs to walk, and a stack of books we're anxious to get to.

The Executive Board has already begun working with the ABCUSA Associate General Secretary for Regional Ministries, Rev. Dr. C. Jeff Woods, in preparation. You will be hearing more from our Region President, Rev. Jason Alspaugh, on this matter. I am not involved with the search process; my job for the remaining year-plus is to continue to be Executive Minister and, at the same time, make sure everything is in good order for someone new to be able to step into the role as easily as possible.

Please note that this date was chosen specifically to allow some time after we host the ABCUSA Biennial Mission Summit in June 2027, for me to tie up loose ends and make sure all of our accounting is in order; I also chose it so that I could celebrate ABCRGR's 200th anniversary with you before I go. There is no way I would miss that party!

You will be hearing more as the Executive Board puts the process into place. Meanwhile, I hope you will be sure to have the ABCUSA Biennial Mission Summit on your calendar as we'll be celebrating our 200th anniversary during that event. And who knows? There might be a retirement party thrown in there to boot. A good time will be had by all!

I ask for your prayers as I begin to wind down the professional expression of my calling and seek God's discernment on next steps; for my husband, Chris, as he does the same; for the Executive Board and all whom God lifts up to be managing the transition process; for Rev. Alicia and Tarra through this time of transition; and that God will be at work now in the heart and mind of the next person who will be coming into leadership in this role.

"We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose." (Romans 8:28, NRSVue). Amen.

Peace, Sandy



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Serving as the hands and feet of Christ



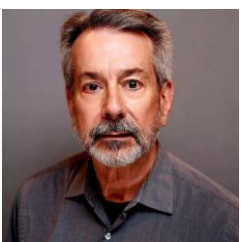
Join us for an Everyday ABC Conversation!

God's Grace
Thursday, June 18, 2026
3:00 PM ET / 12:00 PM PT
on Zoom

Join us for our June 18 conversation, part of the Everyday ABC Conversations series, focusing on God's Grace. Presenters Rev. Steve Bils and Rev. Dr. Eugene Downing will share their insights on "God's Grace," followed by small group discussion.

[Register Here](#)

Learn more about the Presenters:



Rev. Steve Bils is the Executive Minister of the American Baptist Churches of the Central Pacific Coast region. Before this, he served on staff at the American Baptist Churches of Nebraska and held multi-staff pastorates in Florida and Nebraska. He has served as the Executive Director of Child Evangelism Fellowship and has equipped pastors and missionaries as a Professor of Pastoral Studies and Dean of Texas Bible College.



Rev. Dr. Eugene Downing is the senior pastor of New Hope Baptist Church in Denver, Colorado, where he has led since 2011, fostering local, national, and global partnerships. Dr. Downing began ministry in 1996 at First Baptist Church of South Richmond and pastored Sixth Mount Zion Baptist Church in Pittsburgh. He serves on civic and nonprofit boards, has taught at Point Park University, and is the author of "Navigating Life with God."

Learn more about Everyday ABC Conversations at:
www.abc-usa.org/everyday-abc-conversations



JUNE

	1 9 & 10:15a Chair Yoga 5:30 & 7p Gentle Yoga	2 3p Deacons 7:30p AA Meets	3 10a Gentle Yoga 6:15p Strength 6:30p Choir	4 5:45-7:00p Gentle Yoga	5 7:30p AA Meets	6 10a Karate
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