

Ogden Baptist Church

July 2026 Newsletter

"A Place to Call Home"



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From the Pastor's Desk

One of the greatest advantages of being a Christian is that God always does things right! He is good, always, only good. He never stops loving us. Once we know Him as Savior and Lord, we can count on Him to be present, to love us unconditionally, to see our potential and to lead and direct us toward Himself.

His love results in our wanting to love Him. Loving God begins with being obedient to what we know to be His will. As we grow in Christ, He reveals more of Himself to us, and He asks us to become increasingly like Him. He asks us to give up our self-centeredness and become God-centered.

He makes it clear: We are to love the Lord our God with our whole heart, soul and all our mind. (Deuteronomy 6:5). In Matthew 22:37-39, Jesus repeats the commandment and adds "And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" Loving others can be messy. It means that we deny ourselves in favor of the need someone else has. It takes time and sometimes fortitude to put our desires aside, self-centeredness is more natural than we would like it to be!! Being God-centered means choosing to die to self and let Him be in control of who we are and what we do.

A Biblical Truth that stands out is that Jesus meets us where we are. Once we know Him as Savior and Lord; he promises that He will always be present. As we see Him work in our lives, the Holy Spirit then places a desire within us to do the same for others.

The reward for love is that we are loved. Love enriches our lives and brings a sense of well-being for both sides. In a world where life is so uncertain, we have a responsibility and because of God's love for us, the joy of showing love wherever we go and whatever we do.



**Pastor Carol and
Harold Stephens
Pentecost 2026**

Pastor Carol



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July 6-10!
9am-12pm
Ogden Pres
Church
snack included



Questions about VBS or
the Retreat? See Miss Dale



GO OUT:

God's Passion, Our Purpose

OCEAN CITY, MD
Mission Trip 2026



DISCOVER WHAT FAITH AND COMMUNITY MEAN TO YOU!

Wake up to daily breakfast and morning devotions together at the lovely Son and Sand Retreat Center.

Then head out with your friends and leaders to a variety of service opportunities that spread God's love and help us discern our individual purpose.

Spend evenings in worship, reflection, and fun on the beautiful beach and famous boardwalk.

WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- ✓ Travel by 12-passenger van
- ✓ Lunch and dinner on Aug 9; all meals Aug 10-14
- ✓ Accommodations at Son and Sand Retreat Center 10301 Coastal Highway Ocean City, MD 21842
- ✓ Daily faith reflection, service opportunities, and beach time

FOR AGES 12-just graduated COST: \$250 per person Questions? Want to register? Contact youth advisors: Rev. Michelle Allen, Adam Scoville, or Dale Spencer

Our youth did a wonderful job on Sunday May 31st for Children's Day. They led the worship service and provided us with interesting information about the history of the church. Lincoln, Carson, Sophia, Anthony, and Thomas all participated. We also had special music from Heidi. We honored our wonderful teacher, Miss Dale, and presented her with a gift as a token of our appreciation for all that she does. Our ice cream sundaes for coffee hour were a big hit.



Children's Sunday May 31, 2026



3 – Sylvia Nemecek
3 – Joe Calabria
6 – Cliff Houston
12 – Katie S. White
12 – Pat Thomas

15 – David Benjamin
16 – Wendy Sill
19 – Alicia Dieter
19 – Nancy Miller
20 – Carolyn Meyers

24 – Al Hoak
25 – Ron White
30 – Wendy Kraus
31 – Sue Feuerherm



The Choir will be singing at Evergreen Place on Sunday, July 5 at 1:00pm and we welcome any and all who would like to join us! It's fun!

Spencerport Ecumenical Food Shelf

Pat, OBC Food Shelf rep.

FOOD SHELF DONATIONS

Summer is here and food shelf is working all summer.

*My message for you is **EACH ONE BRING ONE.***

If you are able, please add one item for the Food Shelf each time you shop. We are also willing to shop for you.

Have a blessed summer!



Notes from our Boards
Our Deacons, Trustees and Council
will not meet in July.

JULY

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| | | | 1 10a Gentle Yoga 6:15p Strength | 2 5:45-7:00p Gentle Yoga | 3 7:30p AA Meets | 4 10a Karate  |
| 5  10:30 Worship 11:30 Coffee Hour 1:00 Evergreen | 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 | 9 5:45-7:00p Gentle Yoga | 10 7:30p AA meets | 11 10a Karate |
| Vacation Bible School at Ogden Presbyterian Church 9am-Noon | | | | | | |
| 12 10:30 Worship 11:30 Coffee Hour | 13 9 & 10:15a Chair Yoga 5:30 & 7p Gentle Yoga | 14 6p Trustees 7p Council 7:30p AA meets | 15 10a Gentle Yoga 6:15p Strength | 16 5:45-7:00p Gentle Yoga | 17 7:30p AA meets | 18 10a Karate |
| 19 10:30 Worship 11:30 Coffee Hour 1 st Women's Rights Convention, Seneca Falls, 1848 | 20 9 & 10:15a Chair Yoga 5:30 & 7p Gentle Yoga | 21 7:30p AA meets | 22 10a Gentle Yoga 6:15p Strength | 23 5:45-7:00p Gentle Yoga | 24 7:30p AA meets | 25 10a Karate |
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Church Office Hours: Tuesdays and Thursdays 10:00a – 2:00p