Ogden Baptist Church

November 2026 Newsletter

"A Place to Call Home"



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From the Pastor's Desk

Several years ago, I was extremely hurt by an individual who I greatly admired. She had been my champion and often encouraged me. She turned completely opposite and I was deeply hurt.

Not knowing what to do, I simply let the person leave my life and tried to maintain my love for her. I had several opportunities in the days that followed to encourage others to not take on defense for me but to maintain their friendship with her.

When our granddaughter graduated from high school, I was sending out cards to her graduation party and I felt a strong urging to send a note to this lady thanking her for her influence in Carie's life. I listed some specific incidents where she had influenced and encouraged her and sending the note healed some of my pain. I experienced a 'thankful heart' and it healed and refreshed my appreciation for the good things that had occurred during our good times.

Thankfulness heals. It also reminds us of the good in people and that all of us fail when it comes to relationships. My heart overflowed with remembering good times and rejoicing in all the friendship meant to me.

This time of year, is a good time to remember that life is short and carrying grudges does not fit into the plans of one who wants to be like Jesus.

"Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song. For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods."

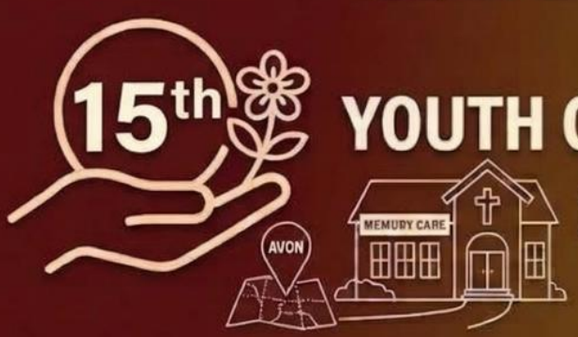
Psalm 95:1-3

November Youth Offerings

Sunday School: Every Sunday
9:30am - 10:25am

Ecumenical Youth Group:
2nd & 4th Sunday 12pm - 1:30pm
at Union Presbyterian Church
(Carpool Available)

NOVEMBER YOUTH MISSION OFFERING



YOUTH OUTING TO MEMORY CARE HOME (Avon)

THIRD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH
LEAVING DIRECTLY
FOLLOWING WORSHIP

November

Happy November Birthdays

3 – Paul Smith
5 – Ann Link
14 – Phyllis Sill
16 – Karen Walker
21 – Shaun Powell
28 – Phil Harnden
29 – Nancy McGuire
29 – Delores Cole
30 – Harold Stephens

Notes from our Boards

*** Deacons' meeting will be held November 9 at 3:00pm.**

November Deacons' Offering will go to Cartons for Christmas.

*** Trustees' meeting will be held November 10 at 6:00pm.**

*** Council meeting will be held November 10 at 7:00pm.**



We are collecting orders for Christmas Poinsettias starting on Nov. 1st. As in the past, you may order white or red 6" plants for $7.00. Last day to order is Nov. 29th. Order forms are in the Fellowship Hall on the table near the door to the Sanctuary.

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



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TEA AND CRAFT SHOW

Saturday, November 14, 2026

9am - 2pm

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Shop with local crafters for the holidays in a peaceful setting. Complimentary Tea and Cookies will be offered. Homemade soup will be sold at lunchtime.



Spencerport Ecumenical Food Shelf

Pat, OBC Food Shelf rep.

FOOD SHELF THANKSGIVING BASKETS

The Food Shelf Board met and made plans for their annual Thanksgiving baskets. They are planning to prepare at least 80 baskets and turkeys are the main ingredient. We volunteered 12 turkeys from OBC so I hope some of you will sign up to donate one. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. We will be looking for freezer space and some delivery help, too. **THANKS for GIVING!**

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Region Note: September Delegate's Meeting cont.

Another part of September's meeting was the work being done to get ready for the national American Baptist Churches USA Biennial Mission Summit June 10–13, 2027. The theme for this gathering is Courageous Unity: Rooted in Freedom, Growing in Faith, Forward in Hope. The Rochester Genesee Region is hosting this event and we will be welcoming visitors from around the country. Volunteers are needed to help visitors find their way around and offer accommodations for guests as needed. As part of the summit weekend ABCRGR will celebrate its 200th anniversary. We will honor this milestone with a banquet (seating will be limited) Friday, June 11, 2027. Also there will be an exhibit, and a free, casual retirement party for Sandy afterward, to which everyone is invited.

Our Executive Minister Search Committee of nine was introduced at the September meeting. Please pray for them as they work with ABCUSA to help them with the search to find Sandy's successor.

Committee members are: Rev. Jason Alspaugh (chair), First Baptist Church, Dayton, OH; Rev. David Ball, Esq., United Church of Granville, Granville, OH; Rev. Dr. Fatima Gunter, St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church, Charlotte, NC; Aye Wa Thy, Rochester Karen Baptist Church, Rochester, NY; Rev. Steven Wilson, Genesee Baptist Church, Rochester, NY; Rev. Dr. Michael Ford, Lake Avenue Baptist Church, Rochester, NY; Rev. Dr. Denise Wright, Ogden Baptist Church, Ogden, NY; Tanya Thurman, Second Baptist Church, Mumford, NY; Oliva Riley, University Baptist Church, Columbus, OH

The next delegates meeting will be Saturday, February 6, 2027

CARTONS FOR CHRISMAS

CARTONS FOR CHRISTMAS is a ministry serving Ogden/Spencerport families. Area churches, schools, service organizations, youth groups, and businesses come together annually to help those in need. Last year we served 138 families (455 people) by providing food, gift cards, and 147 toys.

Grocery store gift cards and cash/checks can be dropped off at St. John's Parish Center (Mon-Thurs, Nov. 16 - 25, 10am—4pm) or to Maureen Granger, 301 Village Walk Circle, Spencerport, 585-750-5341, cartonxmas@aol.com. Please make checks out to CARTONS FOR CHRISTMAS.

There will be an open house to accept non-perishable food items on Friday, Dec. 4, 3-6pm at St. John's gymnasium at 65 Marth Street. Examples of canned and boxed food to donate: vegetables, fruit, soups, meat and fish, stuffing, juice, cereal, boxed rice, pasta sauce. (No glass items, please.) Frozen turkeys can be donated. Due to a lack of storage, we can only accept them promptly at 12:30pm on Saturday, December 5 at St. John's gym.

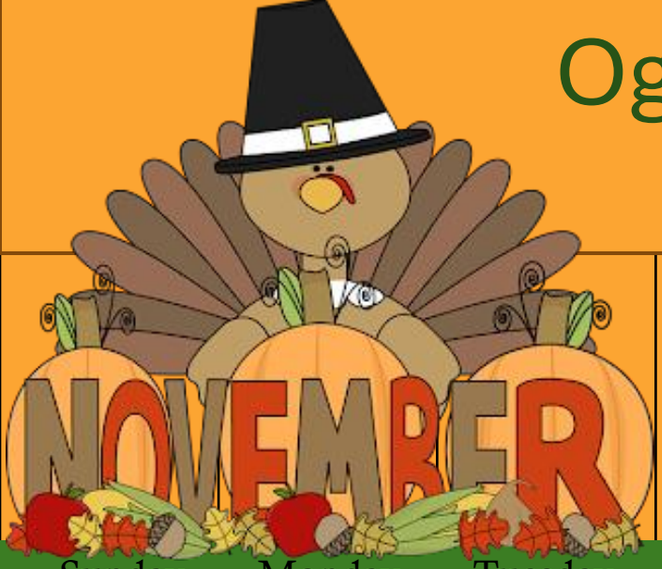
New toys for young children are needed. Email or text Donna Grander, Toy Coordinator at cartonangels@gmail.com or 585.490.0549 for information.

Volunteers needed to check expiration dates, sort, count, pack food, load cards and deliver the cartons. Copier paper size boxes are also needed. Volunteer dates:

- **Check expiration dates, sort and count food - December 4, 4:30—6:30pm**
- **Pack cartons - December 5, 9:00—11:30am**
- **Load cars - December 5, 12:45—4:15pm**
- **Deliver cartons -December 5, afternoon as assigned**

Lynn Phillips coordinates all volunteers: cartonsvolunteers@gmail.com or 585.309.6872

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FALL BACK!

REMEMBER TO TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK ON NOVEMBER 1.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1  10:30 Worship 11:30 Coffee Hour 1:00 Evergreen Daylight Savings Time Ends	2 9 & 10:15a Chair Yoga 5:30 & 7p Gentle Yoga	3 7:30p AA Meets Bake Sale & Election Day	4 10a Gentle Yoga 6:15p Strength 6:30p Choir	5 5:45-7:00p Gentle Yoga	6 7:30p AA Meets	7 10a Karate
8 10:30 Worship 11:30 Coffee Hour	9 9 & 10:15a Chair Yoga 3:00p Deacons 5:30 & 7p Gentle Yoga	10 3p Deacons 7:30p AA Meets	11 10a Gentle Yoga 6:15p Strength 6:30p Choir Veterans' Day	12 5:45-7:00p Gentle Yoga	13 7:30p AA Meets	14 10a Karate
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OBC Office Hours:
Tuesdays and Thursdays
10:00a – 2:00p

