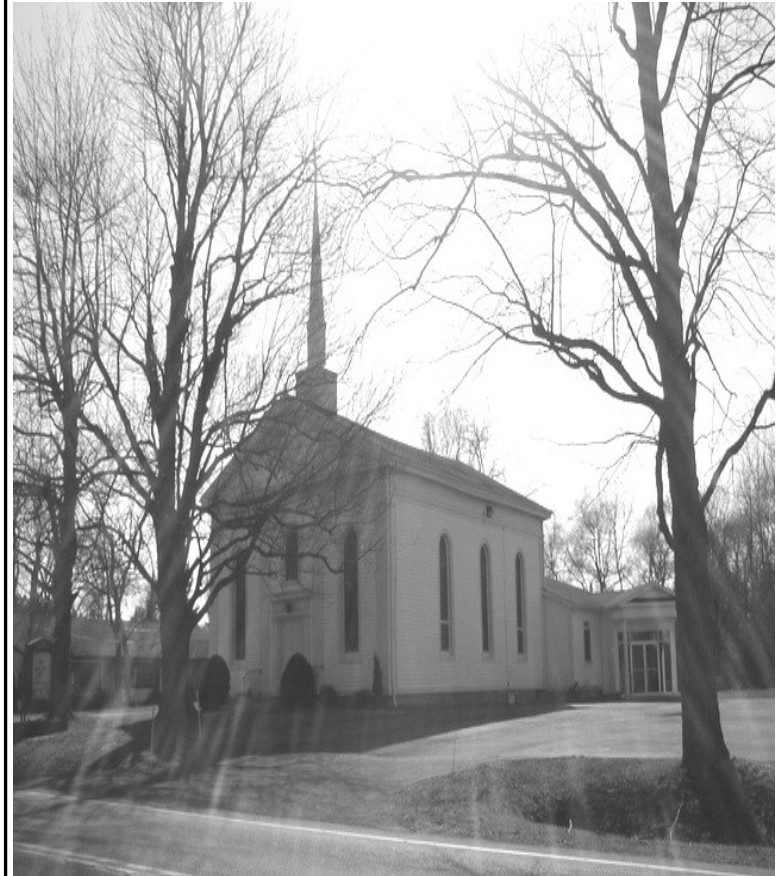


Ogden Baptist Church News and Happenings

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A Message from the Pastor...



On Christmas Day, I was with Jim and Flo Braker sitting at their dinner table. Across the room, was Jim's latest painting, a beautiful water color portrait of our church! Awesome! Between our table and the painting, children and adults were scattered throughout the room in a sea of wrapping paper, talking and laughing. As we gazed at it, the background sounds of life in the room resonated with life in the church.

We sat admiring it for we both belong to it. Jim pointed out nuances from the outside looking in while I shared from the inside looking out. Jim spoke about how when you paint, you get intimate with the subject. You notice things and make discoveries, like the small window in our balcony above the front doors. And about how a painter reveals what s/he sees. He commented on other pictures of our church. Even with similar angles, each rendering is different.

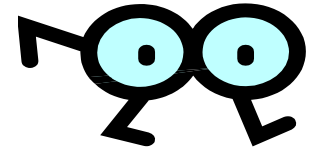
And in the same breath, he mused about our gospel writers and how each had a view of Jesus Christ representing a different portrait. Luke brings out a Jesus concerned with "liberating the poor and oppressed." Matthew's portrayal of Jesus emphasizes obedience in "doing the will of God." Mark's Jesus illustrates the importance of "bearing one's cross," while John unveils a Jesus who continually invites us to choose "abundant life."

Each depicts an honest rendering of the person and message of Jesus through his experience and we are blessed to have multiple portraits. Think how many portraits of Christ walk in and out of our church building each week, and into Spencerport and into Cameron and Fairport Baptist homes and Mary's Place and Aurora; wherever there is need of care, there you find Jesus.

Jim has a way of making a single conversation be profound and relevant like taking a concrete painting of our church building and through it, a new way of seeing Jesus is born on the very day of his celebrated birth. He only thought he hadn't preached that day!

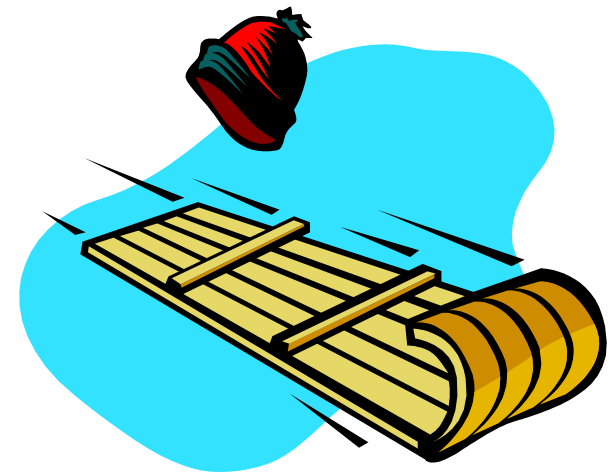
Anxious to see new discoveries of Christ in this coming year, you too?
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Looking Ahead

February 5	Gathering for Prayer
February 9	Laurel Guild monthly meeting
February 12	ABCRGR Delegates meeting
February 13	Trustees & Deacons Church Council
February 19	Gathering for Prayer
February 28	Wedgewood Nursing Home





A HAPPY
NEW YEAR



January Birthdays

1/5 Andrew Sill

1/6 Gail Vogt

1/8 Shirley Deathridge

1/10 Margaret Baker

1/10 Addison Newland

1/15 Carole Vogt

1/18 Dianne Anderson

1/19 Carol Ayers

1/20 Mary Ayers

1/21 Wendy Maurici

1/21 Simon Green

1/22 Richards Bourns

1/22 Lee Parker

1/23 Arlene Lind

1/24 Judy Hedges

1/24 Mark Lindsay

1/25 David Riexinger

1/28 Katie O'Brien

1/29 Nancy Olney

1/29 Maxwell Amering

1/30 Rachel Dalton



January Highlights

Sunday Jan. 1— **Sunday School** at 9:30a, **Worship** at 11a

Annual Reports Due

New Year's Day Drop in at Adams Basin Inn 2-4p

Monday Jan. 2— **Yoga** with Linda 7p

Tuesday Jan. 3— AA meets

Wednesday Jan. 4— **Choir** practice 7:30p

Sunday Jan. 8— **Sunday School** at 9:30a, **Worship** at 10:55a

Gathering for Prayer 7:00p

Monday Jan. 9— **Trustees & Deacons** meet at 7 p

Church Council at 8 p

Tuesday Jan. 10— AA meets

Wednesday Jan. 11— **Choir** practice 7:30p

Thursday Jan. 12— Laurel Guild 7p

Saturday Jan. 14— Soup and Sew 9a (*see p. 6*)

Sunday Jan. 15— **Sunday School** at 9:30a, **Worship** at 10:55a

Guest Preacher; Gail in Dallas Jan. 13 to Jan.17

Monday Jan. 16— **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**

Yoga with Linda 7p

Tuesday Jan. 17— AA meets

Wednesday Jan. 18— **Choir** practice 7:30p

Saturday Jan. 21— Potential Workday at Cameron

Sunday Jan. 22— **Sunday School** at 9:30a, **Worship** at 11a

Annual Meeting following worship

Gathering for Prayer 7:00p

Monday Jan. 23— **Yoga** with Linda 7p

Tuesday Jan. 24— AA meets

Wednesday Jan. 25— **Choir** practice

Sunday Jan. 29— **Sunday School** at 9:30a, **Worship** at 11a

Monday Jan. 30— **Yoga** with Linda 7p



Annual Report

The 2011 annual report will be distributed to all who are interested on Sunday, January 15 to allow a week for personal review before the scheduled business meeting.

The only report that will not be included is the financial report which will be handed out at the business meeting.



Annual Meeting

Ogden Baptist Church will hold its annual business meeting on **Sunday, January 22** after a brief time of fellowship following the 10:55am morning worship service. Plan to attend and bring your voice and ideas to our meeting in the Fellowship hall.

Please Note

Gail will be away on the following dates:

January 13-17 – Gail will be in Dallas and we will have a guest preacher on Sunday, January 15

January 23-27 – Gail will travel to Orlando, FL for the American Baptist Church Ministers Council and Baptist Life Orientation Meetings

Call your Deacon for pastoral needs during these times.



Thank You

Ogden Baptist Family,

What a special gift you gave to me on Christmas Eve! Not only your presence in numbers but your generosity in numbers!! With your gift, I was able to book a flight to Dallas in January to be with my sister (and family) on her birthday.

Thank you dear Ogden for your open arms this first year of ministry, and for the many gifts you have shared, including adding a beautiful deck to the parsonage! I am already envisioning church-wide backyard events.

Blessed to be with you,
Gail

AND:

Thanks to all our worship participants for the month of December. You made a special time more special.



Church Volleyball League

We usually start playing in November but construction at the Churchville-Chili Schools, where we play, has held things up.

For our volleyball fans we hope to begin sometime in February. Keep watch for further news!





Holy Land Trip Planned for March 21-30, 2012

Our church has been cordially invited to join two other churches from Charlotte, North Carolina to travel to Jordan and Israel. Come find out about this exciting opportunity at our information session on

Sunday, January 8, 2012

during the Sunday school hour: **9:30-10:30am.**

Places we will see include Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Galilee, Nazareth, Megiddo, Caesarea and Qumran (where Dead Sea Scrolls were found), just to name a few.

Next RGR Delegates Meeting

Sunday, February 12, 3:00 pm

Ebenezer Baptist Church

174 Thurston Rd. Rochester 14619.

You need not be a delegate to attend these meetings, just an interest in the region and our sister churches.

The Auxiliary collects returnable cans & bottles to raise funds to support missions. Barrels for your donations are in the education wing near the office or call Nancy Dean for pick-up at 293-9211.



Also, please save **Campbell's product labels** which are used by the Fairport Baptist Homes and **Box Tops for Education** for Cameron Community Ministries.



Laurel Guild

Thursday, January 12 at 7:00pm

This month's meeting will be held at the home of Janice Brewer.

The meeting will be at church if there is much snow. Our officers for 2012 will begin their duties this month.

Chairperson—Barb Koepke

Sunshine—Sue Feuerherm

Secretary—Rebecca Castellano

Treasurer—Joanne Lee

All women are invited to attend.



Women's Auxiliary

The Women's Auxiliary will not meet again till April.

Winter keeps us close to home

Visit the Holy Land

Find out more about this exciting opportunity. Pick up a trip brochure in the Fellowship hall. And come to the info meeting on

Sunday, Jan. 8, 2012

9:30-10:30a



Sewing and Soup

Saturday, January 14 you are invited to meet in the Fellowship Hall at 9:00a.m. with your sewing machines to help sew 100 bags for school kits for Church World Service. People are needed to cut them out as well as sew them up.

Wendy Sill is bringing a pot of her prize winning soup! Come, lend a hand and enjoy a yummy bowl of soup.



Roller Bandages for White Cross

Our ladies groups have a quota of 50 roller bandages to prepare by April.

Each bandage will be 3 inches by 10 yards! Old sheets are needed for this project!

If you have questions see Nancy Dean.

Spencerport Ecumenical Food Shelf

Every Sunday is Food Shelf Day!

Let's keep our Food Shelf box filled every Sunday. As we do for the least, we do for our Lord.

Needs for SEM Food Shelf:

Canned goods, paper products, cereals, pasta, etc.

No glass containers please.

See Elaine Hill if you have questions.



Mary's Place

For Refugee Outreach in the Maplewood area

At Christmas, hats and mittens were given to the children and each child received a toy. Food was donated by the Laurel Guild to help families through the school recess. A BIG THANK YOU to all for your donations of time, money and gently used articles.

Please continue to support this ministry with donations of clothing and household items. Blessings to all in the New Year!

Look for the Mary's Place box in the Fellowship Hall!

Call Barb Koepke at 293-2051 for more information



Women's Service Board Fundraiser

We are selling **Tops gift cards** in values of \$20, \$25, \$50, and \$100. These can be purchased for face value and a percentage of the purchase goes to the

Women's Service Board of the Fairport Baptist Homes.

See Nancy Dean if you would like to participate.



Cameron Community Ministries

A Work Day for fixing and repairing is tentatively planned for Saturday, January 21. Keep the date open and watch the weekly news page for times.