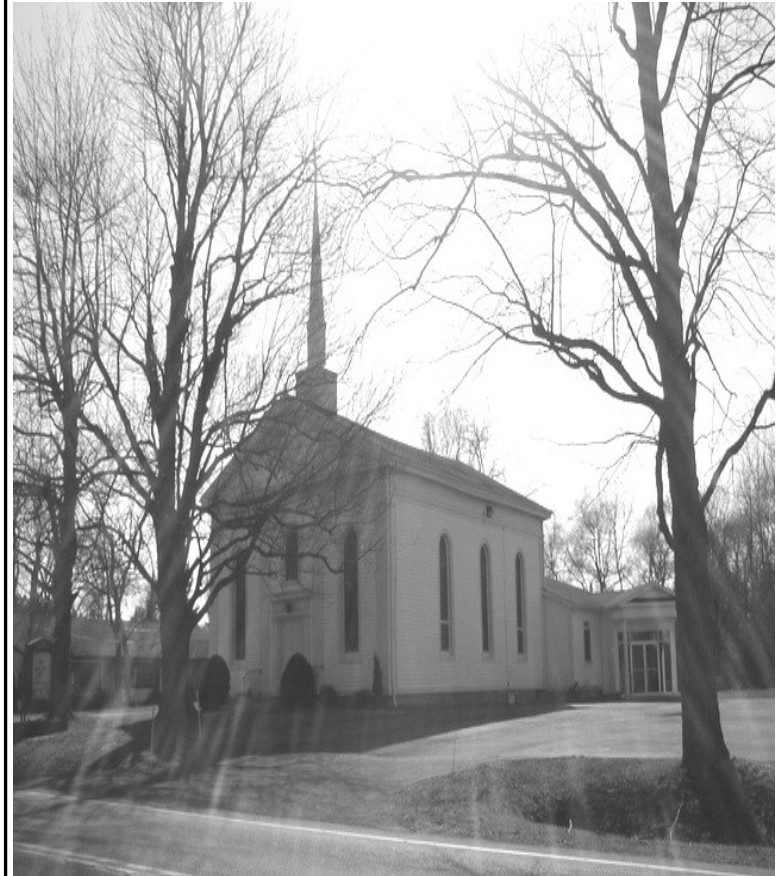


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Called to Serve Christ and the Community

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A Message from the Pastor...

True confession. I look forward to the 46 days beginning Ash Wednesday and moving toward Easter Sunday. Yes, 46 days not counting Easter Sunday. Most people equate Lent with 40 days (a popular biblical number) but remember that the six Sundays within the season of Lent cannot be fast days because each Sunday is a "little Easter" and is a *feast* day.

If you want to participate this year by giving up something or adding something new this Lenten season, I invite you to do so. This practice helps us to re-examine our lives with a renewed focus on Christ. I am thinking about giving up meat, which for some may not be a big thing. But friends...for a Texan, beef is akin to air; it's not that easy! Some may choose to add a new practice rather than omit something. Whatever practice you decide to do this season, let me tell you some of the other ways to "**Encounter Jesus**" (our theme this year) within our church family and community.







Beginning with Ash Wednesday, Adams Basin United Methodist and Ogden Baptist will join together to impose ashes in three services throughout the day. Choose the one that fits your Lenten beginning. In this service we remember that we are God's creation made from the very substance of the ground. And we stand in need of God. We remember that we are not in charge, so we come repenting and seeking renewal to follow in Christ's footsteps. Our journey into self examination and retreat into allowing wholeness begins here.

Throughout the six Lenten Sundays leading to Easter Sunday, we shall walk toward the salvation of the cross "**Encountering Jesus**" along the way. The first Sunday after the transfiguration of Christ (March 6) we will witness the Temptation of Christ in the wilderness (March 13); then following the Gospel of John, we will hear in-depth stories of transformation from those who **encountered Jesus** each Sunday (Nicodemus, the women at the well, the blind man, Lazarus and Mary Magdalene).

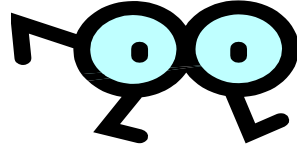
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March 2011

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 AA meets	2 Choir 7:30p	3 Volleyball 7:30	4	5
6 Communion Sunday 	7 Yoga 7p	8 AA meets	9 Ash Wednesday Services at 7:15a 12 noon 7:00p	10 Laurel Guild 7p Volleyball 7:30	11	12
13 Sunday School at 9:30 am Worship at 11am DST begins	14 Trustees & Deacons 7p Church Council 8p	15 AA meets	16 Choir 7:30p	17 St. Patrick's Day 	18 Volleyball 7:30	19
20 Spring Begins! Sunday School at 9:30am Worship at 11 am	21 Yoga 7p	22 AA meets	23 Choir 7:30p	24 Volleyball 7:30	25	26
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Looking Ahead



- March 5 & 6 Spencerport Community Chorus Concerts, Saturday 7p and Sunday 3p at First Congregational Church in Spencerport
- March 6 Communion Sunday
- March 9 **Ash Wednesday** services at 7:15a / 12p / 7p
- March 10 Laurel Guild 7p at the home of Carolyn Meyers
- March 13 Daylight Savings Time begins
- March 14 Deacons & Trustees at 7p and Church Council at 8p
- April 11 Deacons & Trustees at 7p and Church Council at 8p
- April 14 Women's Auxiliary 11a in Fellowship Hall
Laurel Guild 7p at the home of Suzanne Feuerherm
- April 17 **Palm Sunday**
- April 22 **Good Friday** Service will be at Ogden Baptist
- April 24 **Easter!**



March Highlights

- Wednesday Mar. 2— **Choir** practice 7:30p
- Sunday Mar. 6— **Sunday School** at 9:30a, **Worship** at 11a
Communion Sunday
- Monday Mar. 7— **Yoga** with Linda 7p
- Tuesday Mar. 8— AA meets
- Wednesday Mar. 9— **Ash Wednesday** services at 7:15a,
12 noon, and 7p
- Thursday Mar. 10— Laurel Guild 7p at the home of Carolyn Meyers
Volleyball 7:30p

- Sunday Mar. 13— **Sunday School** at 9:30a, **Worship** at 11a
A Gathering for Prayer at 7p
- Monday Mar. 14— **Trustees & Deacons** meet at 7 p
Church Council at 8 p
- Tuesday Mar. 15— AA meets
- Wednesday Mar. 16— **Choir** practice 7:30p
- Thursday Mar. 17— Volleyball 7:30p

- Sunday Mar. 20— **Sunday School** at 9:30a, **Worship** at 11a
The Gathering Table at First Baptist, Brockport 1:30p –3:30p
- Monday Mar. 21— **Yoga** with Linda 7p
- Tuesday Mar. 22— AA meets
- Wednesday Mar. 23— **Choir** practice 7:30p
- Thursday Mar. 24— Volleyball 7:30p

- Sunday Mar. 27— **Sunday School** at 9:30a, **Worship** at 11a
A Gathering for Prayer 7p
- Monday Mar. 28— **Yoga** with Linda 7p
- Tuesday Mar. 29— AA meets
- Wednesday Mar. 30— **Choir** practice 7:30p
- Thursday Mar. 31— Volleyball 7:30p





For personal reflection during this season, we have a companion guide to help us walk toward the cross, entitled *24 Hours that Changed the World - Forty Days of Reflections*. Combining all four gospels, author Adam Hamilton provides a way for us to step into the shoes of some of the people and situations accompanying Christ as he heads to the cross.

During these forty days, I invite you to come take part in the daily times of prayer up to three times daily between 9am-10 and again between 12-1pm and between 4-5pm. Prayers are available as you enter the church each day to guide you. Come anytime during the hour and pick up the prayer guide or pray on your own. Stay five minutes or 55 minutes in solitude. Also each Sunday evening during Lent, come join the prayer group to pray intercessory prayer for needs in our family and community.

Other special services in addition to Sunday services at OBC include the following:

Ash Wednesday (7:15am; 12 noon; 7pm) - imposing of ashes

Holy Week :30 minute noon services with box lunch (Mon/Tues/Wed/Thurs/Fri)*

Maundy Thursday evening service at 7pm

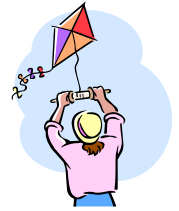
**Good Friday noon service, part of Spencerport Ecumenical Ministries (at OBC)*

Easter Sunrise at Spencerport Gazebo at 7am in addition to 11:00 am Easter Service

I hope you find various opportunities to **Encounter Jesus** this season - choose all, some or a combination of worship and fellowship; individual and communal prayer; personal reflection. Come share with me your ideas, your insights, your discoveries, your questions.

Anticipating our steps inwardly and outwardly,

Yours,
Gail



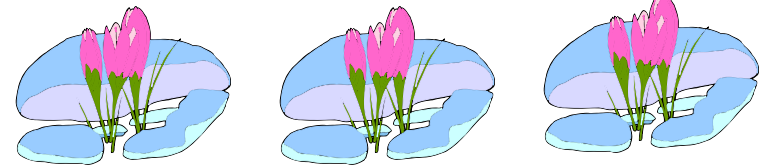
Thank You

Thanks to those who have participated in the worship services in February. If you would like to share in worship as well, see Gail.

Thank you goes out to Tom Cole and Tom Hill for looking after the church furnaces and sorting out web site issues respectively. Your help is greatly appreciated!

And thank you to Tom Hill and Nancy Dean for the new, larger pulpit cover. Tom built and Nancy covered with maroon cloth.

Also, thanks to Tom Cole and Gary Parker for work done at the parsonage. Gail appreciates all you do.



Choir Practice

The Choir practices every Wednesday from 7:30p until 8:30p in the choir practice room off the Fellowship Hall.

If anyone is interested, they are invited to come to practice and give it a try! We are beginning to work on music for Easter.



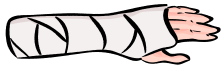


White Cross Roller Bandages

The White Cross is a ministry of American Baptist Women.



The women's groups here at OBC have finished the needed bandages and thank all who donated sheets for this project. If you still have old sheets we will accept them for future needs.



Senior Options for Independence

A ministry of the Fairport Baptist Homes



Are collecting used hand tools, yard tools and power tools, in working order, to be sold at the Tool Thrift Shop located in the Fairport Village Landing. Nails, screws, nuts, and bolts are also welcomed. Items may be dropped off during business hours: Fridays 11am—6pm and Saturdays 9am-4pm or you may call 223-0484 to make alternate arrangements.

Proceeds of sales will benefit Perinton seniors through the programs and services of the Fairport Baptist Homes Senior Options for Independence.

Yoga with Linda

Mondays (except 2nd Monday of each month)
from 7 pm to 8 pm

At the far end of the education wing
\$7 per class

Taught by our own Linda Benjamin



Laurel Guild

March 10 at 7:00pm

This month's meeting will be held at the home of Carolyn Meyers.

Women's Auxiliary

The Women's Auxiliary will begin again in April. In the Fellowship Hall 11a on April 14th



Health Kits, Health Kits, Health Kits

The Ladies groups are collecting items for Church World Service Health Kits. There is a box in the Fellowship Hall for your donations.

Health Kits include: 1 hand towel* / 1 washcloth / 1 wide tooth comb* / 1 nail file (or clipper with a file) / 1 bar bath size soap in wrapper* / 1 toothbrush in original packaging* / 6 standard size band-aids.

We would like to have all items by Sunday March 20th. Thanks to all for your help

* indicates items that are especially needed.

Church Office Hours

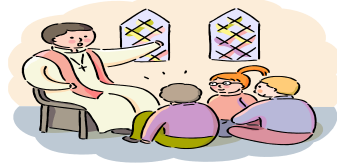
Tuesday-Wednesday 9am-4:30pm

Thursday-Friday 9am-12n



Pastor Gail is currently taking the course, *Faith and Life of Baptists*, at CRCDS. This will take her out of the office on Thursday mornings. She will be in on most Thursday afternoons from 1:30p to 4:30p through April 28th.

Mary Jo will be in the office in the morning from 9:30a to 12:30p



Communications Task Force

The Communications Task force has been busy individually and will meet again soon. Updating of the web site has begun, a new color printer has been installed (wireless!) and work is progressing on personalizing E-mail at the church. When we meet we will discuss a new name for our monthly newsletter. A few possibilities have come in and there is still time to add your ideas. Keep us in prayer as we learn what we need to keep up with 21st century technology.



Volleyball

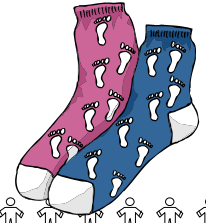
The church volleyball league continues to play Thursday evenings at 7:30p at the Fairbanks Road Elementary School. (except on school holidays)

Those currently participating are

- Tom Hill
- Joanne Lee
- Donna Foster
- Tom Olney
- Mark Delaney
- Gail Serratt
- Fred Dean



All are welcome to join the fun or come cheer us on.



Mary's Place

For Burmese Refugees

There is a current need for socks! Look for the collection box in the Fellowship Hall. Clothing, shoes, boots and household items will also be accepted.

Call Barb Koepke for more information
At 293-2051

Tie a Knot for Good!

Each Sunday after worship, come into the fellowship hall and tie knots in a fleece blanket for Mary's Place.



Spencerport Ecumenical Food Shelf

Many thanks for the ongoing contributions for the food shelf. There are always needs, and this is one way to help meet a need

Needs for SEM:

Rice, condensed soups and pancake syrup.

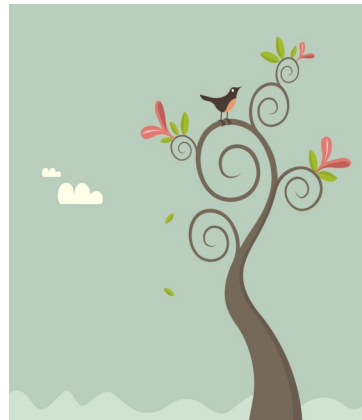
Elaine Hill takes the food to the food shelf in Spencerport





March Birthdays

- 1– Heidi Mance
- 2– Barb Shoenemen
- 5– Sallie Hoak
- 6– Linda Benjamin
- 6– Phillip Cole
- 6– Patric O'Brien
- 11– Richard Baker
- 11– Helen O'Brien
- 12– Eleanor Humphrey
- 14– Debbie Hall
- 15– Jodi Johnson
- 17– Carrie Alverson
- 19– Ruth Curts
- 19– Nathan Sill
- 22– Aaron Vogt
- 29– Charlie Amering
- 31– Terry Predmore
- 31– Bonnie Hartman



Prayers and Concerns

In an effort to keep our Prayers and Concerns list current, please contact the church with any prayers, concerns, or updates that you may have!

A message may be left on the
OBC answering machine, 352-1077 OR
send an email to ogdenbaptist@rochester.rr.com
Thank you all for your help!



Gatherings for Prayer

We share God's love and fellowship twice each month coming before God with concerns, rejoicings, and heartfelt needs.

*Gatherings for March
will be Sunday, March 13th and
Sunday, March 27th
7:00pm at church*

*“Hear my prayer, O Lord, listen to my cry for help;
be not deaf to my weeping.”*

Psalm 39: 12a



The Women's Service Board of the Fairport Baptist Homes needs you.

By joining the Service Board you will have an opportunity to take part in activities with residents of the homes and a chance to spend time visiting with them. The service board meets on the first Friday of every month. Give prayerful consideration to this worthwhile program. See Nancy Dean or Dorothy Kanous if you have questions.



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 in this effort.

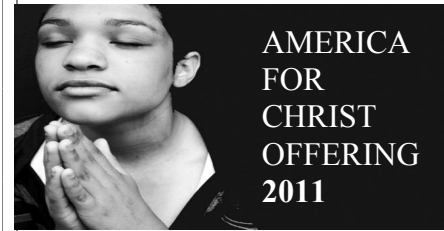
The Auxiliary collects returnable cans & bottles

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
293-9211



Also, please save **Campbell's product labels** which are used by the Fairport Baptist home.



"Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom and healing every sickness."

Matthew 9:35 (NIV)

Touching Lives, Transforming People

We will be taking the America for Christ offering during the month of March. The monies from this annual offering support mission efforts of American Baptist Home Mission Societies as well as ABC regional ministries throughout the United States and Puerto Rico. There is a wide range of mission work supported through this offering from caring for children in poverty to working with refugee and immigration issues.

Our goal this year is \$500.00.

Give as you can, give generously for Christ's saving work.

Spring Ahead!

Daylight Savings Time begins
Sunday **March 13th.**



Don't forget to set your clocks ahead on Saturday night!